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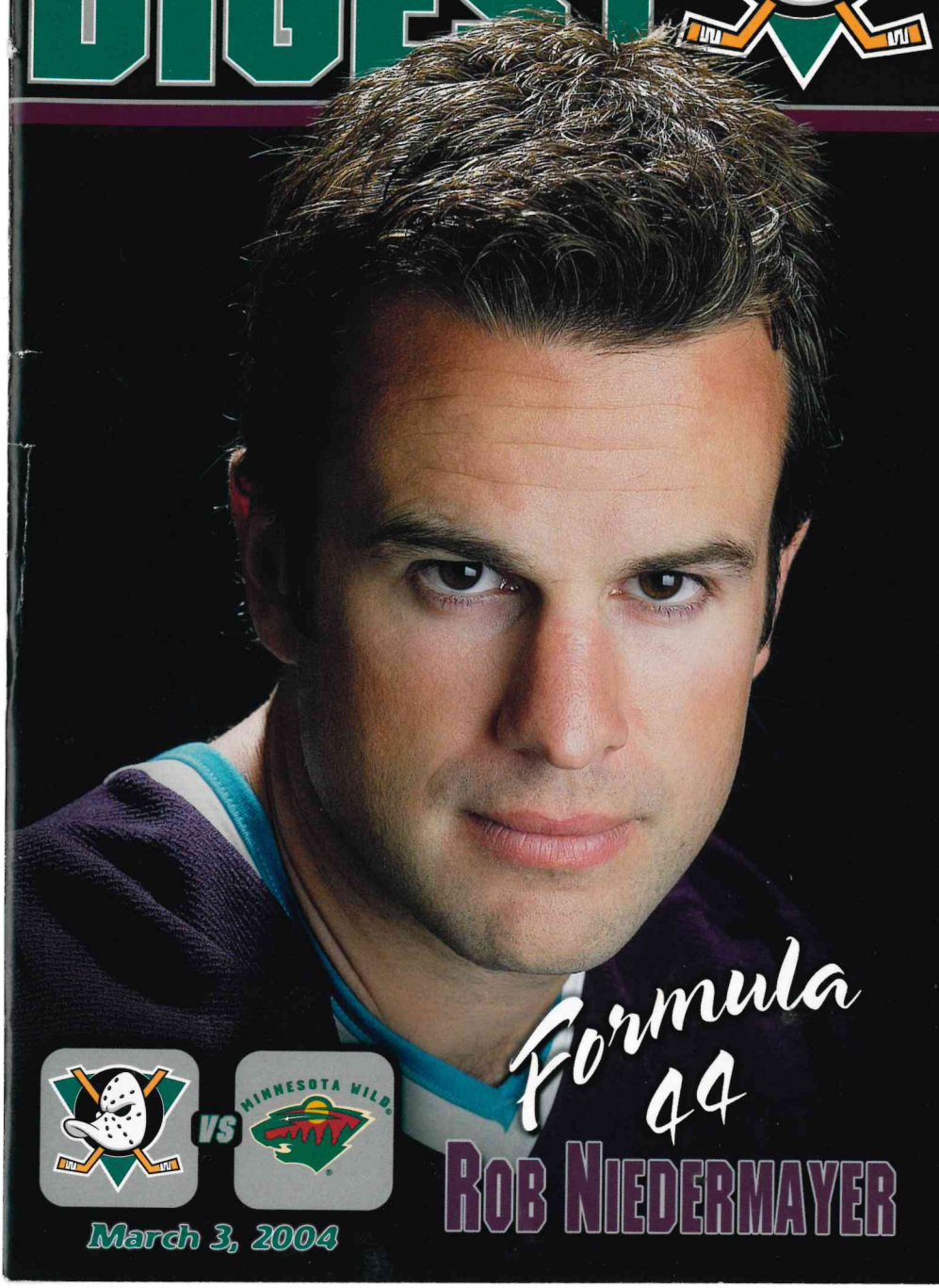

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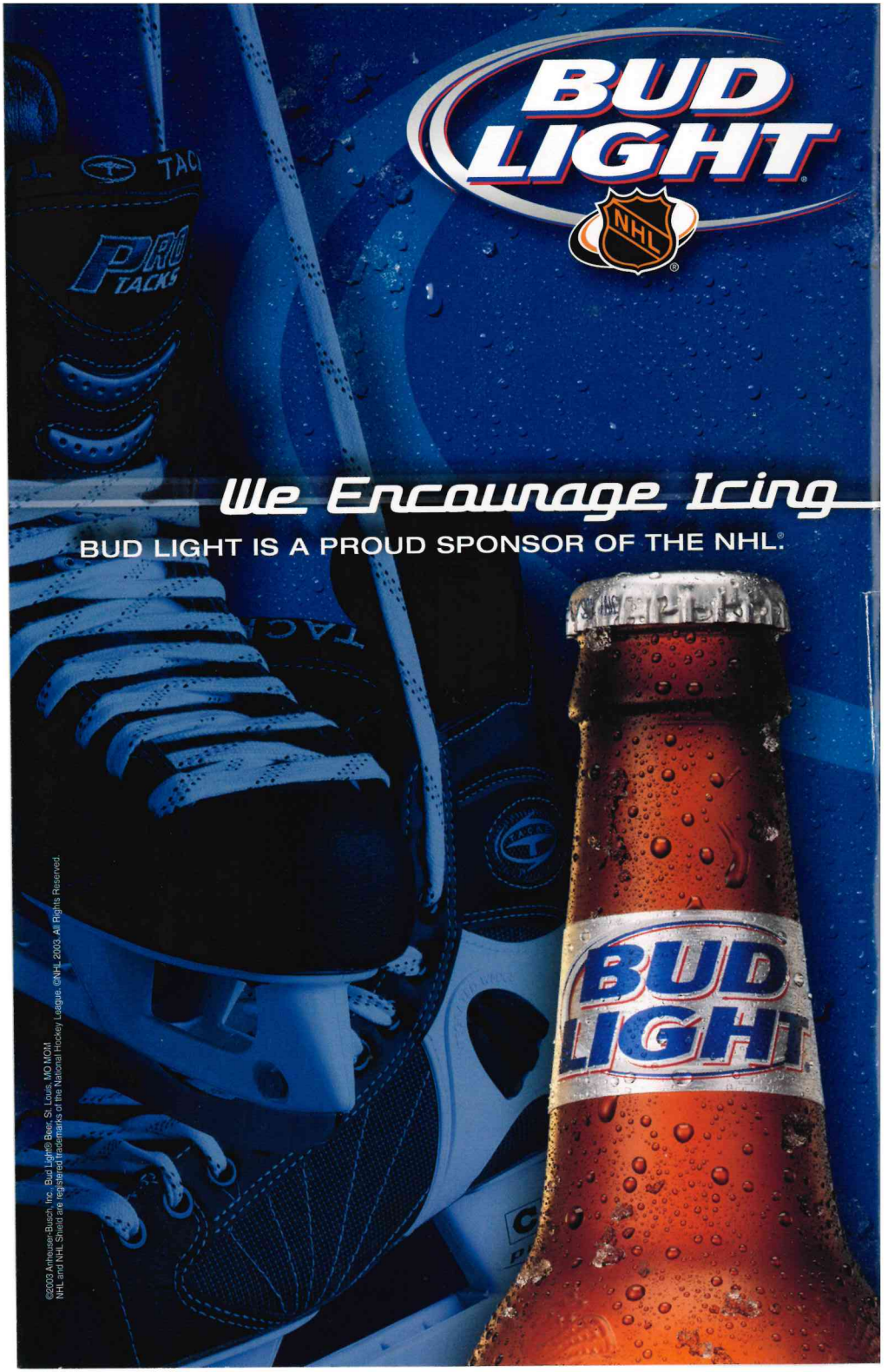
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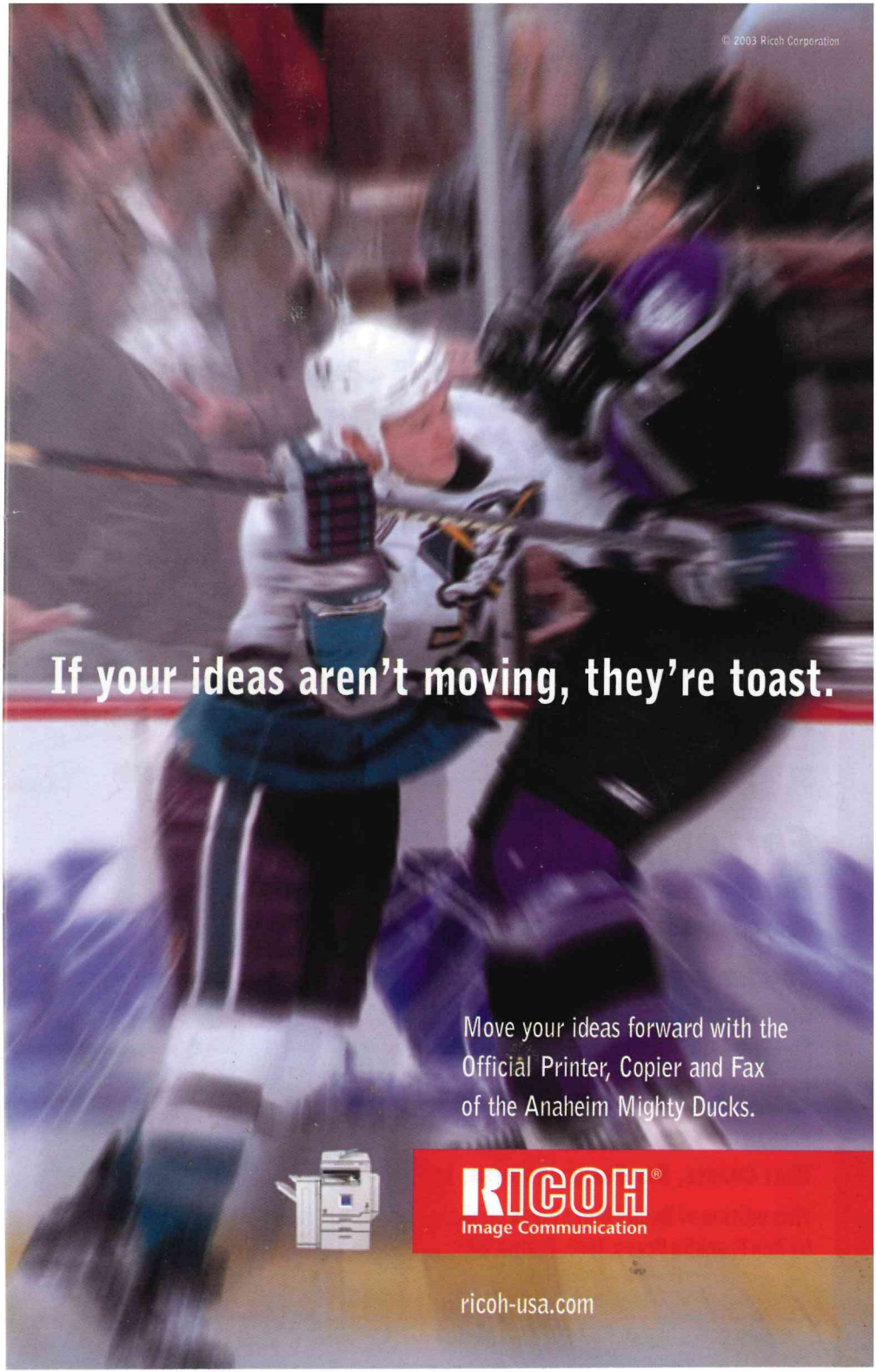

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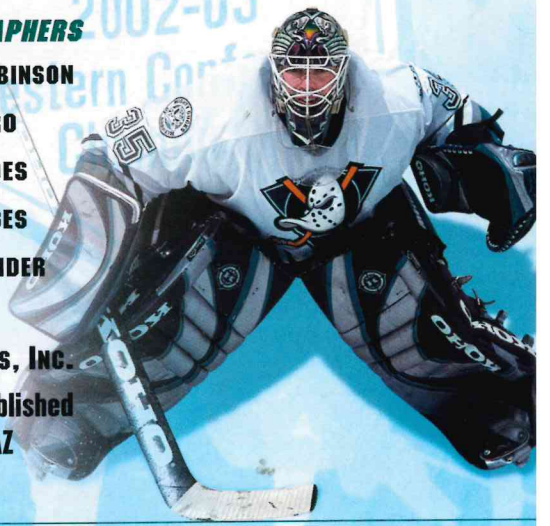

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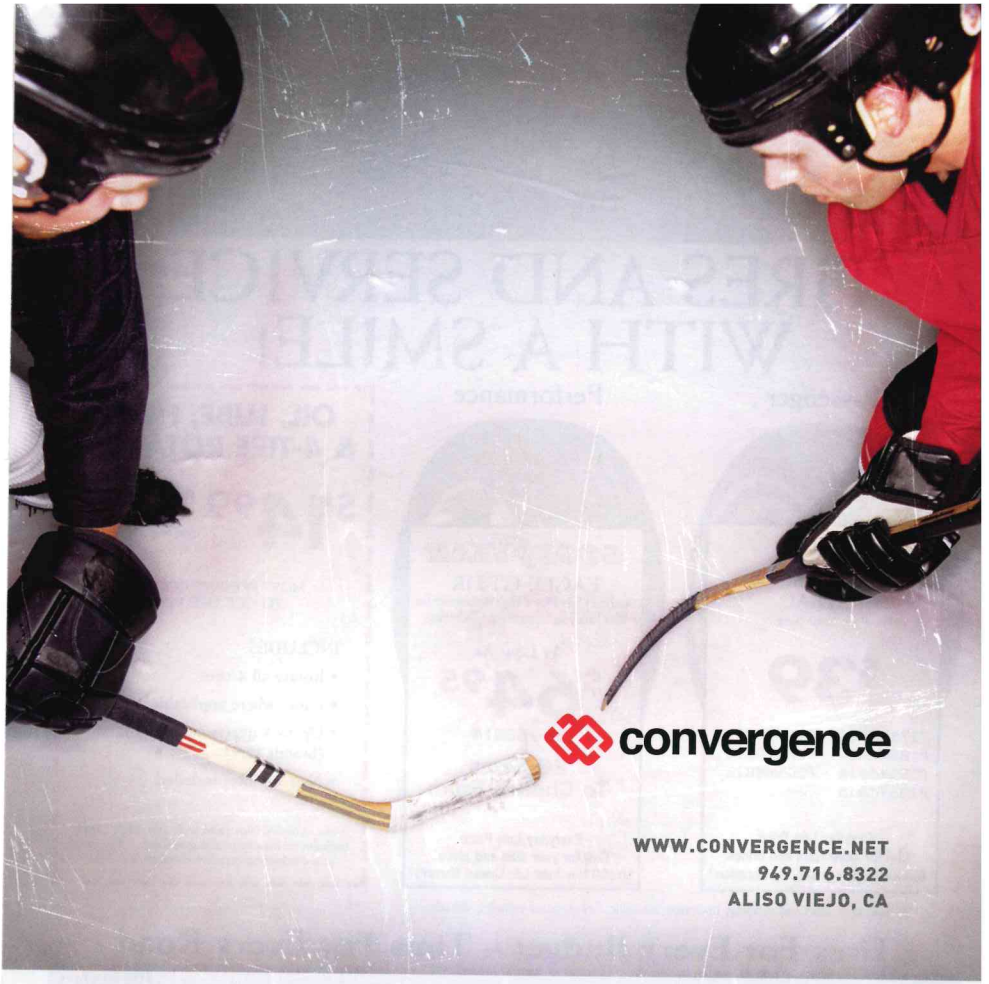


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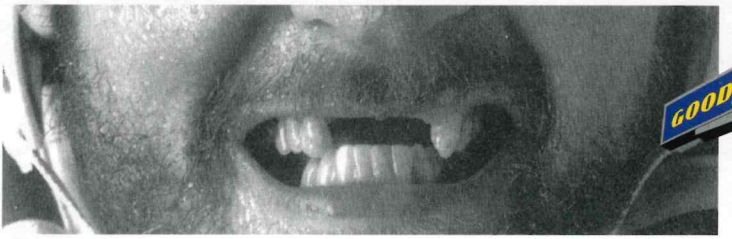


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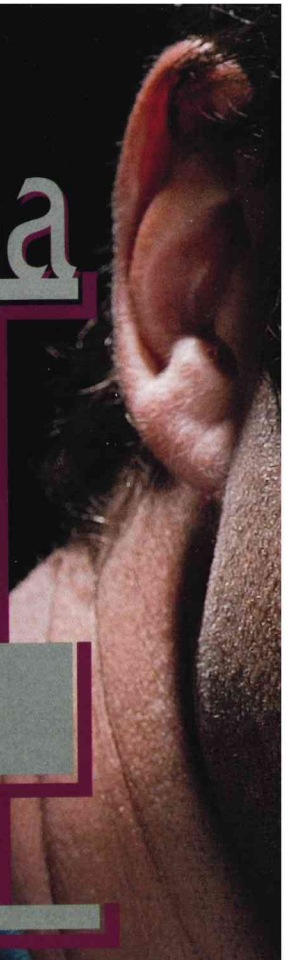
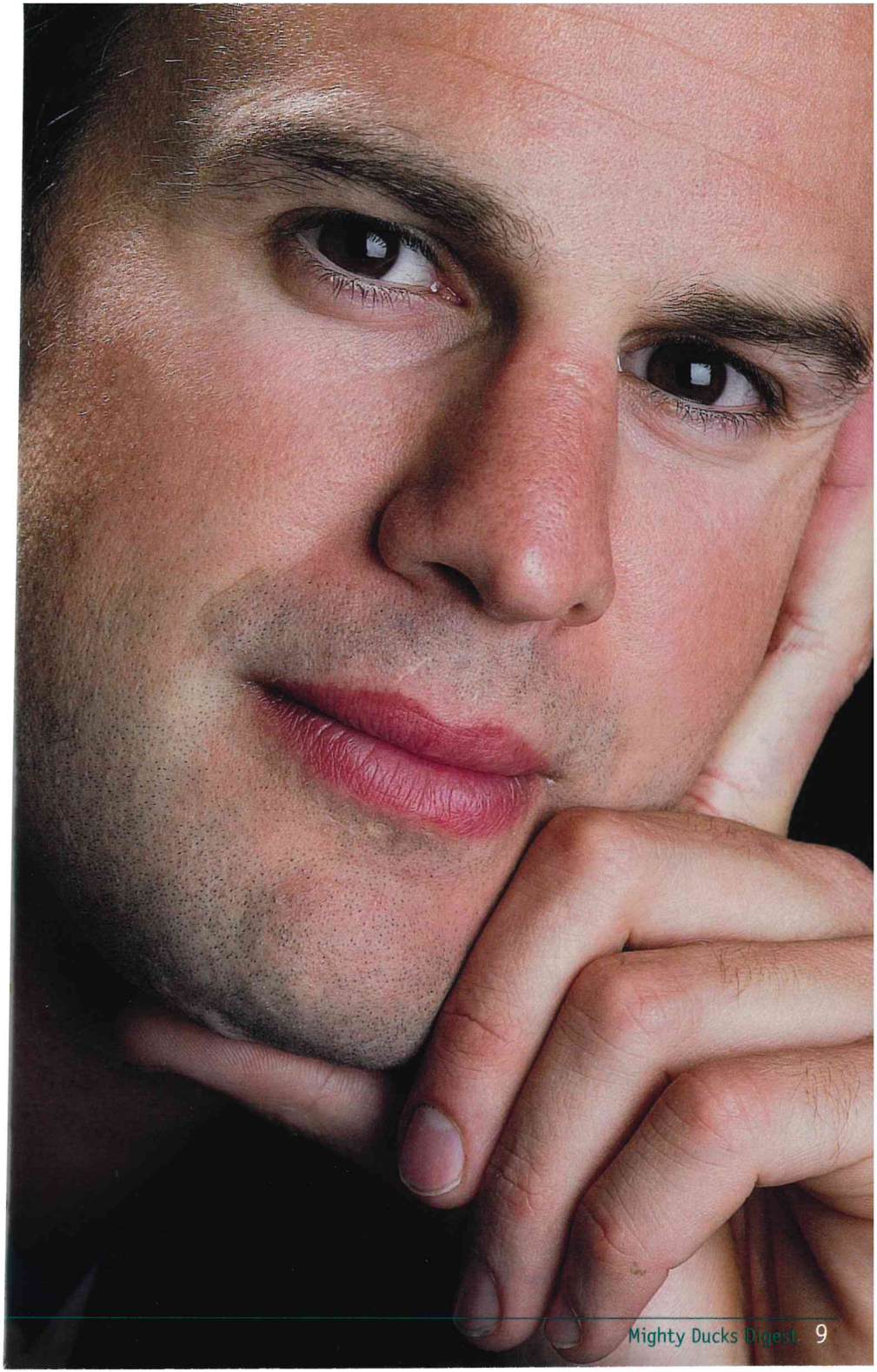
By Danny Evans



It's June 26, 1993, and the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim are on the clock. Stationed at Le Colisee in Quebec City, former Ducks General Manager Jack Ferreira is poised to make the team's first entry draft pick ever. There is speculation that the Ducks will choose one of two talented 17-year-olds:

1) Paul Kariya, a speedy left wing from the University of Maine, or
2) Rob Niedermayer, a gritty power forward from the Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Hockey League.



Ferreria ultimately selects Kariya with the fourth pick and Niedermayer is taken with the next pick by the expansion Florida Panthers. Niedermayer's NHL career is impressive – more than 600 games, over 300 points and a trip to the Stanley Cup Finals with Florida. And in a strange, circular twist of hockey fate, Niedermayer returns to the Mighty Ducks' radar screen almost a decade later. This time, he doesn't get away.

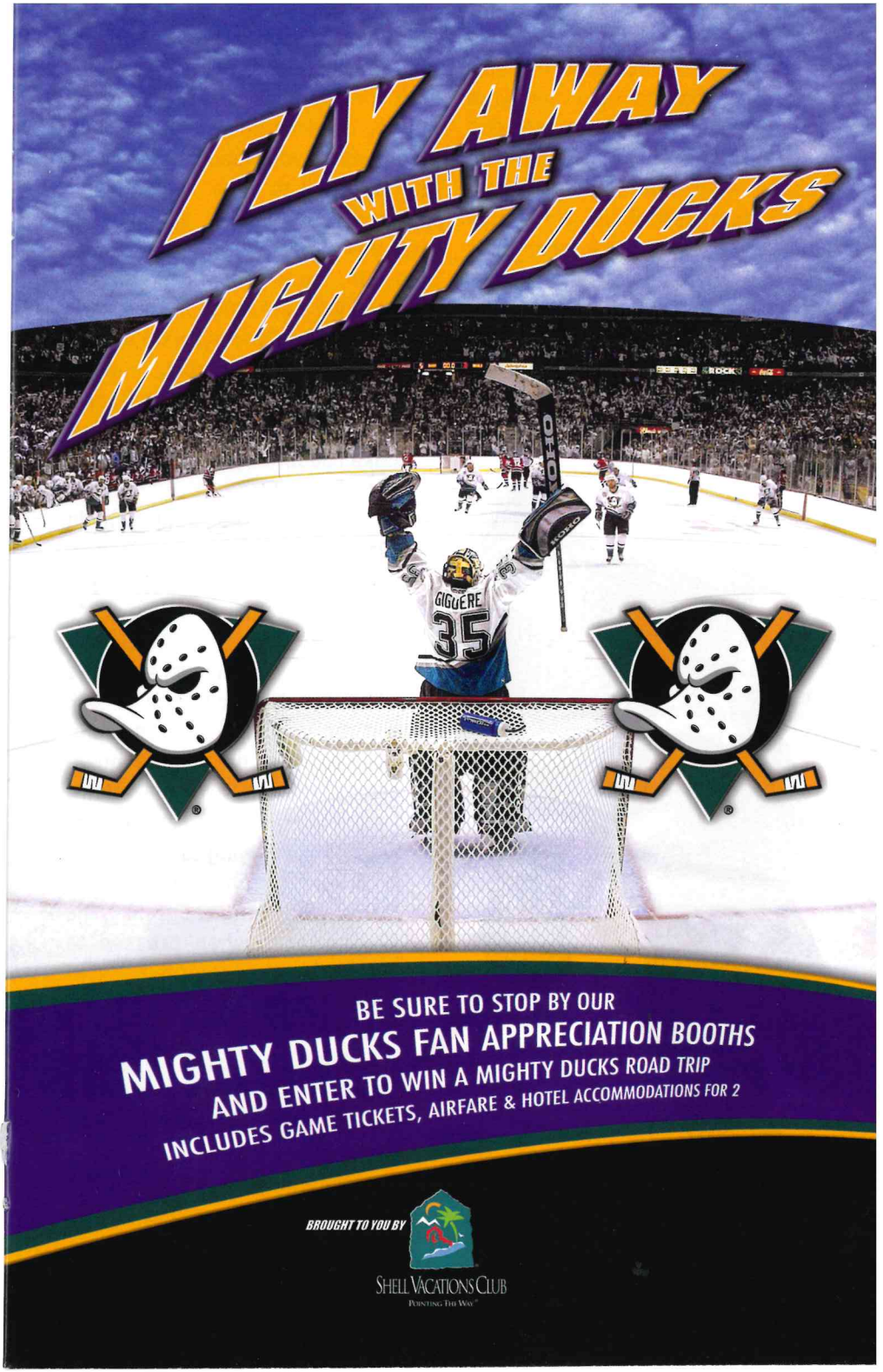
It's now March of 2003 and the Ducks are in the playoff hunt. They have the swagger of a team that believes it can go deep into the playoffs, and general manager Bryan Murray is looking to make a difference-making trade deadline move. After acquiring veteran Steve Thomas earlier in the day, there is one final piece to add: a gritty, net-crashing power forward. The solution: Rob Niedermayer, acquired from the Calgary Flames for the bargain basement price of two minor leaguers.

"It was a great pickup, obviously," says Anaheim defenseman Keith Carney. "The great thing was that we were able to pick up a guy like him without having to lose anybody out of our dressing room. Both he and Stumpy came in at the trade deadline and they were just huge for us. It was something we needed."

For Niedermayer, the disruptive experience of being plucked from Calgary in the middle of the season was mitigated by his new teammates and environment.

"It's tough because it was the first time I'd ever been traded halfway through the season," he says. "I was traded once before (from Florida to Calgary for Valeri Bure and Jason Wiemer in 2001), but that was in the summer. The tough thing was that one night I was playing for the Calgary Flames and the next I was suiting up for the Mighty Ducks. It's an adjustment for sure, but everybody down here made it pretty comfortable and I love playing hockey down here."

Rob Niedermayer has worked to become a leading force for the Ducks.

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Ask any of Niedermayer's coaches or teammates to describe his play and you're likely to hear the word "grit" somewhere in the answer. Grit is one of those nebulous, hard-to-describe terms that is better demonstrated than described. But watch Niedermayer battle for a loose puck along the boards and the definition becomes abundantly clear. Has there ever been a key battle in the corner that Niedermayer didn't win?

"It can be a tough job," Niedermayer says. "Guys seem to be getting bigger every year. The defensemen out there are trying to hit you and you have to keep your head up and at the same time try to focus on where the puck is and where your teammates are so you can get it to them. I think every player will tell you it's a big battle down there."

On-ice performance aside, Niedermayer's presence in the locker room is equally impressive. On a team laden with as much young, inexperienced talent as the Mighty Ducks, an NHL veteran with the track record like Niedermayer's is a calming, stabilizing force.

"This is my eleventh year in the league," he says matter-of-factly. "When I first came into the league, I looked up to guys like Brian Skrudland, Scott Mellanby, Dave Lowry and guys like that. I always tried to look at the way they carried themselves. Any time I had questions, they were there. That's something all of our veteran players are trying to do here."

Ducks coach Mike Babcock struggles to contain his enthusiasm when pressed to describe the contributions of Niedermayer both on and off the ice.

"Robbie is just a big, strong power forward and a great guy," Babcock gushes. "He's been great for us."

Everything you expected him to be when you traded for him last season, coach?

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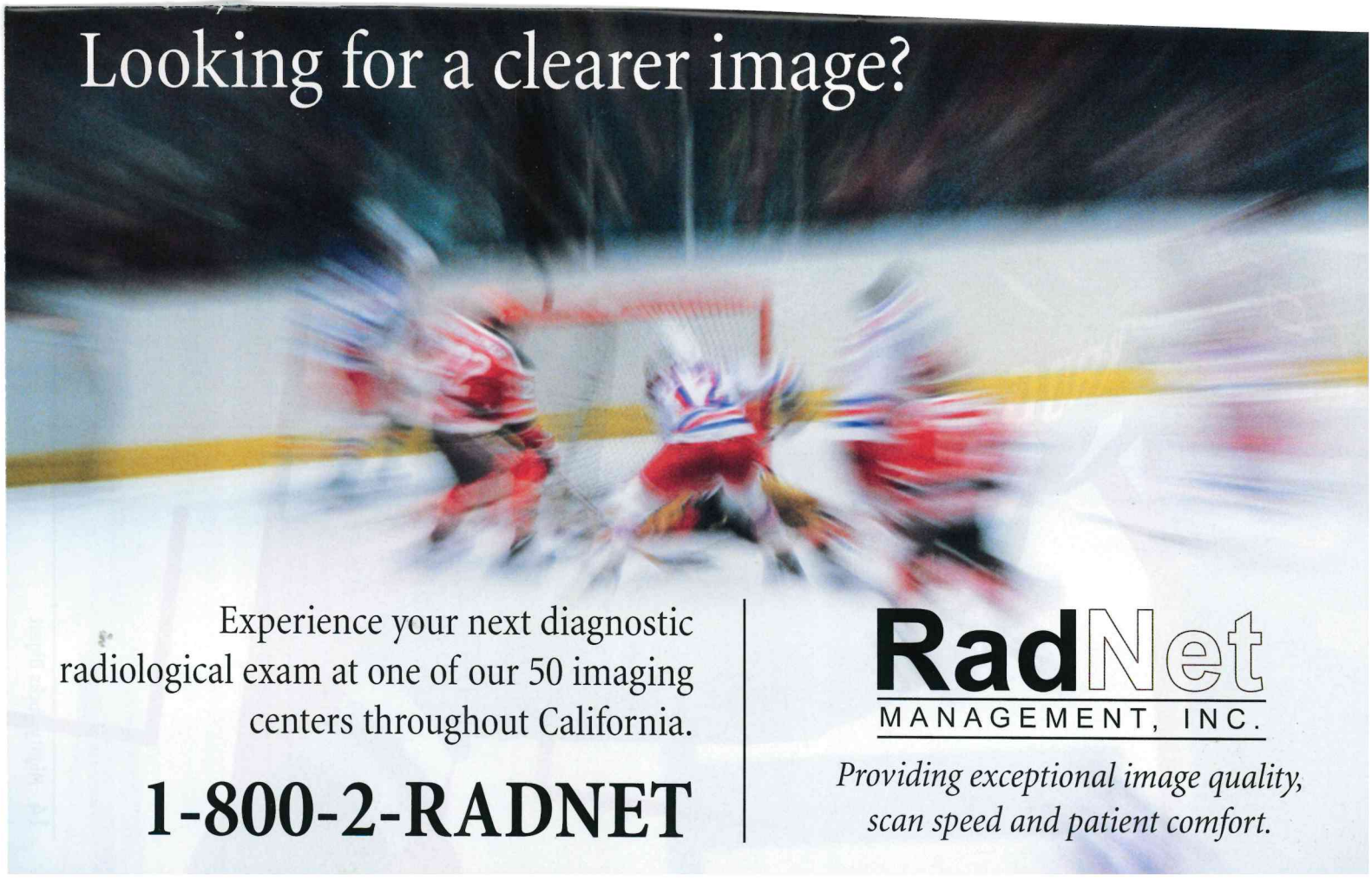
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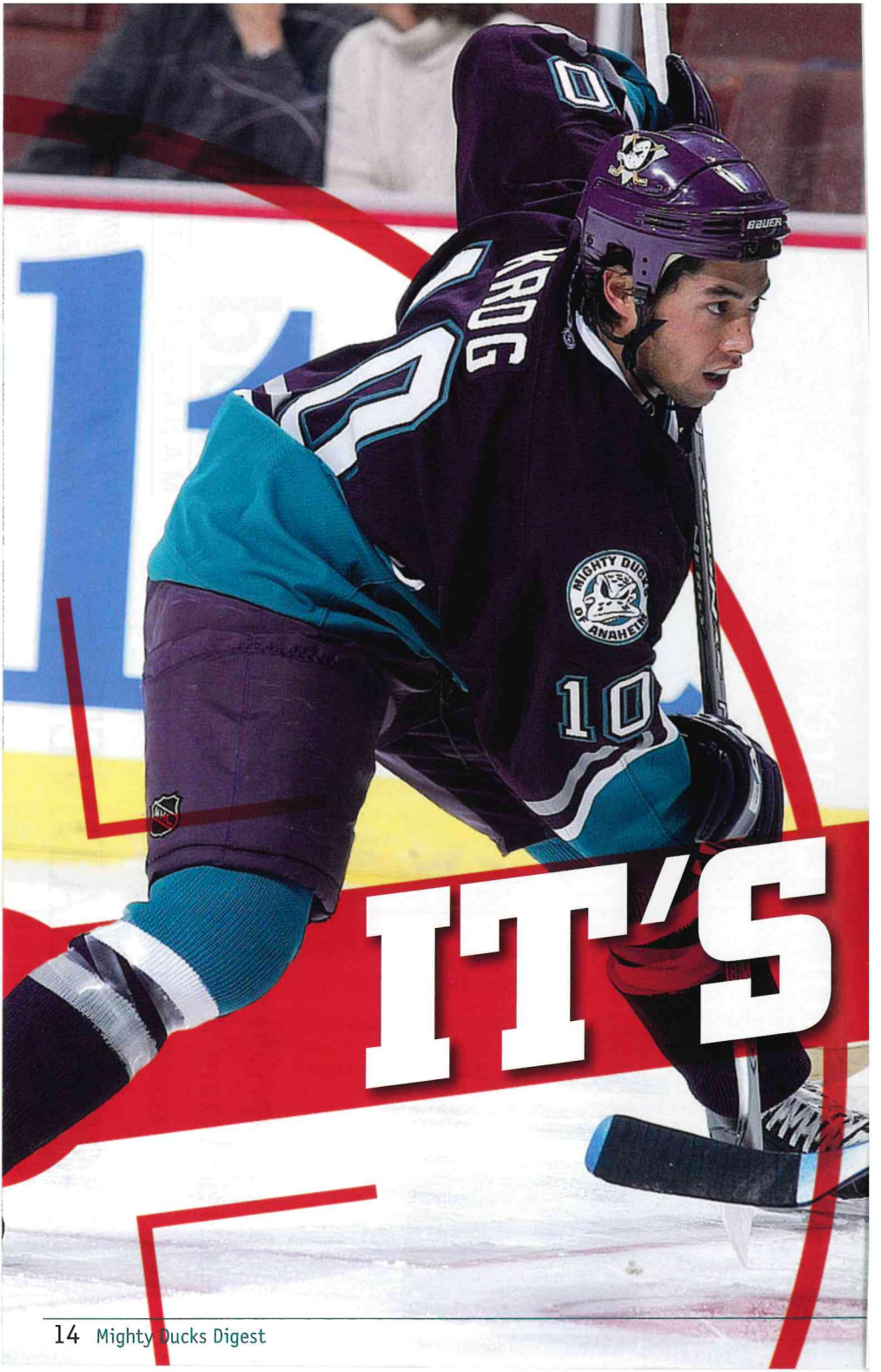
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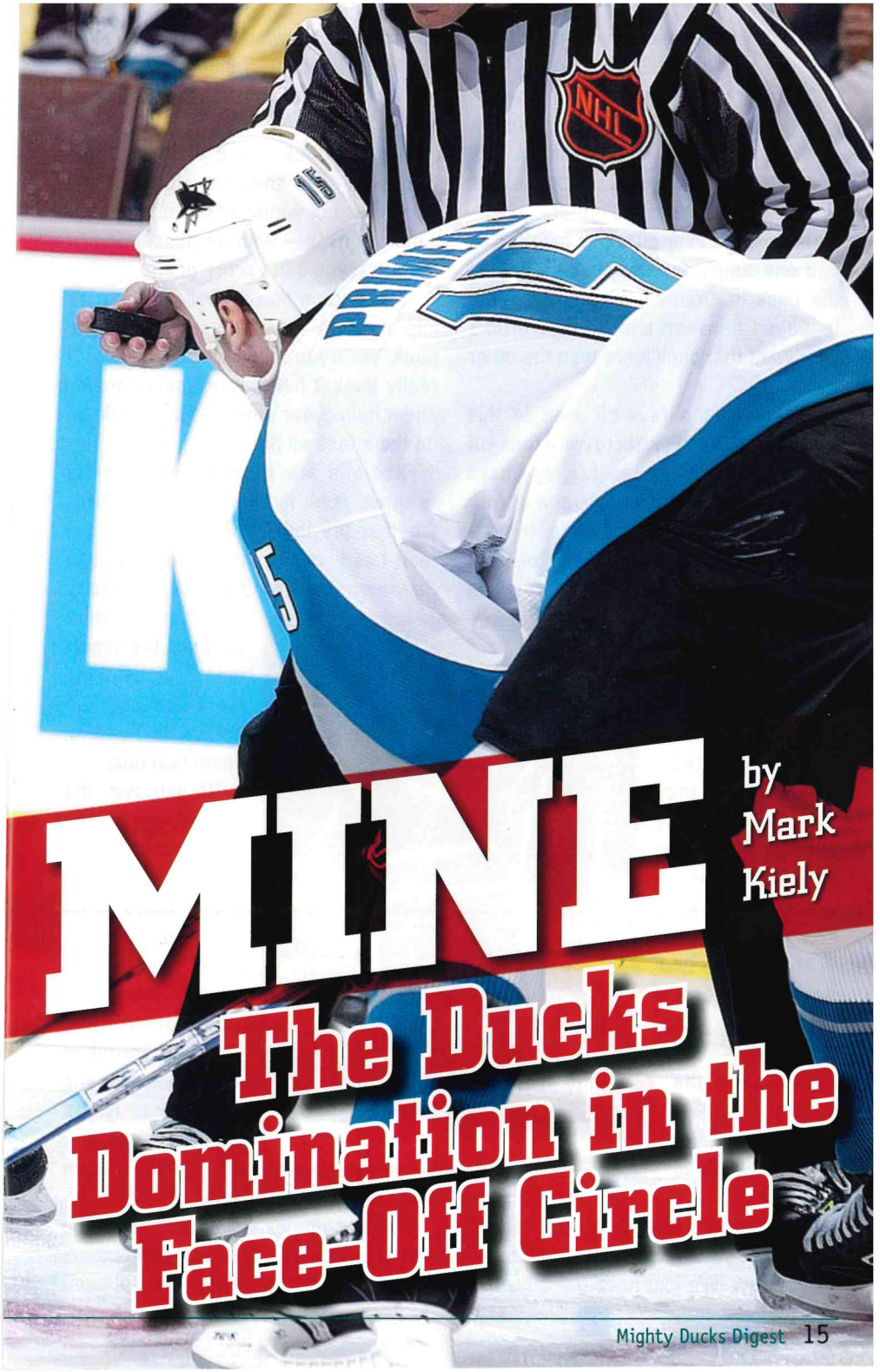



# MINE

by Mark Kiely

## The Ducks Domination in the Face-Off Circle

Two men. One puck. Infinite possibilities.

It's part arm wrestling, part chess match. It requires tremendous skill and speed, yet a little luck never hurt, either.

One might never guess so much goes into one simple face-off, but every time the puck is dropped, a complex battle is waged between two fierce warriors who want that puck more than the other guy.

"There isn't a face-off man in this league that doesn't want to win a face-off when they're out there," Mighty Ducks center Steve Rucchin says, one of four Ducks who share responsibility for taking the bulk of Ducks' face-offs. Together with Jason Krog, Sergei Fedorov and Samuel Pahlsson, Rucchin and the Ducks once again rank as the league's best team in face-off win percentage. Last season, they led the league by winning more than 55 percent of all draws, led by Krog who ranked second in the league with an impressive 60.4 win percentage.

Steve Rucchin celebrates a goal after a face-off victory.

So what's the secret to the Ducks' consistency in the face-off circle? Good question.

"You either have it or you don't," Rucchin says. "What that talent is I don't know. We just have the guys that are capable of winning. Jason Krog is really exceptional, Sammy Pahlsson is too and we all know what Sergei can do."

Mighty Duck head coach Mike Babcock says that he stresses the importance of winning face-offs for one simple reason – without possession of the puck, you can't score goals.

"The bottom line is that we think it's important to have possession of the puck. We try to focus on it," he says. "I really think it helps your special teams and it helps your attack – you should be on the attack all the time."

Face-offs are a matter of pride for Fedorov. From his first day in the NHL, whether playing for Bryan Murray (as then-head coach in Detroit), Scotty Bowman or Mike Babcock, Fedorov's coaches have stressed the importance of winning the draw and initiating a crucial chain reaction:

"If you win the face off, you get the puck back to our defense," Fedorov says. "That's when you control the puck. And if you control the puck, you control the play. Controlling the play means everyone is on the same page, and we should know what we're doing with it."

So basically, it's all about control. The same is true for the two combatants within the circle. When two players

skate in to take a draw, there's more to it than just taking a vicious swipe at the puck as it's dropped. Samuel Pahlsson says he adjusts his approach to every face-off depending on a variety of factors.

Pahlsson has been dominant in the face-off circle this season.

"It depends on where it is," he says. "Offensive zone. Defensive zone. On my forehand or backhand side. And of course, who I'm going against. I've got a lot of different stuff that I do, but I try to stick to a couple of them to be really good at."

Pahlsson adds, however, that winning face-offs isn't just about which player reacts quicker or has a better move. "It's a lot mental. You have to be strong. You have to be able to hit the puck and so forth, but it's a lot mental. You just have to beat the other guy and do something he doesn't expect."

On some nights, that just doesn't happen. And on other nights, it's as if you can't lose. Rucchin can't explain it, but he knows firsthand the highs and lows associated with this mysterious aspect of the game. "Some nights you don't have it – some nights guys have the better of you. Why? I don't know, but they just have your number sometimes or you have their number."

The upside of being surrounded by three other face-off experts is being able to rely on your teammates to bounce tips and ideas around. "We work on it every now and then in practice," Pahlsson says. "Every pre-game skate in the morning we try to take some face-offs and get ready for it. And of course, you look at other guys and see what they do and try to learn something from them. Sometimes if I see one guy is winning against a guy that I can't win against, I try to get some help from him and see what he'd do. If you need help, you ask."

Whatever "it" is, it's clear that the Ducks have it in abundance. One season could have been a fluke. But performing at such a high level for two consecutive seasons proves that Anaheim's face-off contingent is flat-out skilled. Through January, Krog once again led the quartet in win percentage at 58.7, followed by Fedorov (56.2), Pahlsson (54.5) and the captain (52.9).

"We have good face-off guys," Pahlsson explains matter-of-factly. "We have a lot of good guys. We focus a lot on being good at face-offs. Of course that's a big deal. You have to get the puck to win games."

And so it's that simple. And yet so complex.

# TEAM MANAGEMENT

## MIGHTY DUCKS OF ANAHEIM

## BRYAN MURRAY

### Senior Vice President and General Manager

Bryan Murray was named senior vice president and general manager for the Mighty Ducks on May 2, 2002. In just one year's time he helped the Ducks complete an amazing turnaround, including a 26-point improvement in the standings and a Western Conference Championship. For his efforts, Murray was voted the The Hockey News Executive of the Year for the 2002-2003 season.

Beginning with the hiring of Mike Babcock and most recently the acquisition of marquee free agents Sergei Fedorov and Vaclav Prospal, Murray has revamped most of the Mighty Ducks roster. He hired Babcock as head coach on May 22, 2002, who led Anaheim behind the bench to their first-ever Stanley Cup Finals appearance and best regular season record. After hiring Babcock, Murray began reshaping the Ducks roster in July of 2002, trading for Petr Sykora and signing Adam Oates and Kurt Sauer as free agents. Sykora led the team in goals during the regular season with 34, and along with Oates co-led the team in playoff scoring during the team's incredible postseason run. Sauer was one of the team's most reliable defensemen all season long, appearing in 80 regular season games and playing over 18 minutes per contest as a 22-year-old rookie.

During the 2002-2003 regular season, Murray acquired three additional players who played key roles in the Ducks late regular season push and playoff run. Defenseman Sandis Ozolinsh (acquired in January) led all team defensemen in scoring after he was acquired and led the Ducks with a +8 rating in the playoffs. At the NHL trading deadline, Murray added forwards Steve Thomas and Rob Niedermayer to the fold. Thomas scored 10 goals in the club's last 12 regular season games and added four key goals in the playoffs. Niedermayer was one of the top physical forwards on the club during the playoffs and chipped in with 10 points offensively.

A native of Shawville, Quebec, Murray is entering his 23rd consecutive season as a general manager or head coach at the NHL level. He has spent 12 of those years as a general manager, seven with the Florida Panthers (1994-2001) and four with the Detroit Red Wings (1990-94). Murray's overall record as a general manager stands at 409-357-127-11.

Murray was named the fifth head coach in Ducks history on May 25, 2001. He finished the 2001-2002 season ranked seventh all-time in NHL history with 513 wins, recording his historic 500th victory in a 6-1 win at Dallas on Jan. 25, 2002. The following night in Nashville (Jan. 26), he passed Toe Blake and moved into seventh place on the all-time wins list with a 3-1 victory. He also became the eighth coach in league history to coach 1,000 NHL games on Nov. 28, 2001, vs. Edmonton.

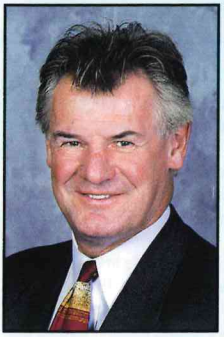
While with the Panthers, Murray assembled a team that went to the Stanley Cup Finals in just their third year of existence in 1996. Florida finished fourth in the Eastern Conference in 1996 and 1997, beating Boston (five games), Philadelphia (six games) and Pittsburgh (seven games) en route to the '96 Finals vs. Colorado. Following the '96 season, Murray was named NHL Executive of the Year by the Sporting News. He also assumed head coaching duties with Florida during the 1997-98 season, prior to naming his brother Terry Murray as head coach before the 1998-99 campaign.

Prior to joining the Panthers, Murray was the general manager of the Detroit Red Wings from 1990-94, also taking on head coaching duties for the first three seasons (1990-93). He inherited a team that had missed the playoffs the season prior to his arrival, leading them to two division titles and two 100+ point seasons over four years. While with Detroit, Murray drafted the likes of Slava Kozlov, Keith Primeau, Martin Lapointe, Chris Osgood and Darren McCarty, among others. Under Murray's guidance, the Red Wings had a four-year record of 170-121-37 (.575).

Murray earned his first NHL head coaching job with the Washington Capitals, taking over on Nov. 11, 1981. He spent the next eight-and-a-half seasons with the Capitals, grooming a team with future NHL stars Scott Stevens, Bobby Carpenter and Kevin Hatcher. Beginning with his first full season behind the Washington bench (1982-83), the club averaged 95 points per season over the next seven years (all playoff teams), second only to Glen Sather and the Edmonton Oilers during that stretch. He won the Jack Adams Award (Coach of the Year) in 1983-84, his third year with the team. Murray recorded a career-high 50 wins and 107 points in 1985-86 and led the 1988-89 Capitals to their first division title in club history.

A graduate of McGill University, Murray spent four years as the athletic director and coach at the school. He left that post to become the coach of the Regina Pats (WHL) in 1979-80. Murray took over as coach of the Hershey Bears (AHL) the next season and was named the Minor League Coach of the Year by the Hockey News, after leading Hershey to their best mark in 40 years.

Bryan and his wife Geri have two daughters, Heide and Brittany.



# AL COATES

## Senior Vice President of Business Operations

Al Coates is in his first full season as the senior vice president of business operations for the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim after being named to the post on April 7, 2003. Coates, working in his 33rd year of professional hockey administration, is responsible for the overall business operations of the team, including the management of Disney ICE. Under his direction are the ticket sales, sponsorship sales, finance, broadcasting, marketing and community development departments.

Immediately upon taking over the reigns of Mighty Ducks Business Operations, Coates began to display his 32 years of experience. It was important for Coates, as well as Bryan Murray, to see the Ducks hockey and business operations as one. Not unlike previous success stories of Calgary and other established franchises, the simple notion of starting to build traditions and emotional equity between the team and their fans was underway. The Ducks would continue to serve up their same off-ice charitable endeavors but everyone soon realized there would be a new and increased agenda without compromising the main focus of the team, to win on the ice.

A native of Listowel, Ontario, Coates joined the Ducks after spending three years with the New York Rangers and Madison Square Garden, overseeing the team and business operation of the Rangers' American Hockey League affiliate in Hartford. Coates was named vice president and general manager of the Hartford Wolfpack on July 26, 2000. Hartford realized substantial increases in attendance and revenues in year one as well as a more aggressive role within their community through reading programs and charity tournaments for the "Children's Home." Meanwhile as a member of the league executive committee, the AHL was expanding to twenty-eight teams.

After completing a professional hockey career in Europe, Coates spent nine years in management with the Detroit Red Wings organization from 1971-80; the first four years split between Detroit's American Hockey League development team in Tidewater, Va. and an experimental touring professional team based in London, England. The next five years were spent as a part of the Red Wings front office staff. Detroit played host to the 1980 National Hockey League All-Star game under his direction. The following season (1980-81), he joined the Calgary Flames inaugural staff (after the franchise moved from Atlanta) as the team's director of public relations. His initial challenge was a new city, old building and a team in transit with training camp and the start of a new NHL season just a few short weeks away. The team sold out the Stampede Coral and three years later sold the Olympic Saddledome and had a waiting list of 7,000 fans. Coates spent 20 years in the organization, also holding positions of assistant to the president (1982-89), director of hockey administration (1989-91), and assistant general manager (1991-95), culminating with the position of executive vice president, general manager and alternate governor from 1995-2000.

During his term as executive vice president with Calgary, Coates oversaw a 37 million dollar renovation to Olympic Saddledome, adding a new level of luxury boxes, club seats, expanded concessions, video and sound systems. As club general manager, Coates acquired current Flames players Jarome Iginla and Robyn Regehr, along with Derek Morris, now with the Colorado Avalanche, and Mighty Ducks goaltender J.S. Giguere. He also served as chairman of the American Hockey League executive committee and still serves on that board.

While with the Flames, Coates led the team to success both on and off the ice during his 20-year tenure with the franchise. In addition to his role in helping the Flames to the 1989 Stanley Cup Championship, he led the organization to great success in the Calgary community. Coates co-founded the Calgary Flames Charity Golf Classic in 1981, which has raised over $1.6 million over two decades for local charities, and developed the "Flames Jr. Locker Room" for underprivileged kids. He also was the Honorary Chairman of the Calgary Special Olympics, founded the Celebrity Charity Golf Tournament in his hometown of Listowel, Ontario, and participated in several other charitable activities in the community.

Al and his wife Jane have three children, Katie, Carlee and Jeffrey. The family resides in Yorba Linda, California.

## DAVID MCNAB

### Assistant General Manager

David McNab enters his 26th season in the NHL, his ninth as the Mighty Ducks assistant general manager. His duties include contract negotiation, player evaluation and scouting.

Prior to being named as the Ducks' assistant general manager in December of 1995, the 47-year-old McNab was the club's only director of player personnel, and was largely responsible for the team's selections in the 1994-96 NHL Entry and Supplemental Drafts.

Considered one of the hardest working and knowledgeable scouts in the National Hockey League, McNab began his professional scouting career in 1978 with the Washington Capitals, where he spent four seasons. In 1982, McNab was signed by the Hartford Whalers, where he spent seven seasons as a scout, the last two as the director of player recruitment. He then joined the New York Rangers in 1989, where he worked for four seasons before being hired by the Mighty Ducks in 1993.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin in 1978, McNab was a goaltender on the 1977 University of Wisconsin NCAA championship team. He was drafted by the St. Louis Blues in the ninth round of the 1975 NHL Draft. McNab has often worked for USA Hockey, both as an assistant general manager for the United States in the World Championships on three different occasions, as well as serving as a consultant for the 1984, 1988 and 1992 United States Olympic Teams.

A member of one of the most respected families in the NHL, McNab is the son of former Washington and New Jersey General Manager Max McNab, and brother of former player, Peter McNab.

McNab was born in Vancouver, B.C., but grew up in San Diego, California. He became a U.S. citizen in 1983. He and his wife, Kari, have two daughters, Ali and Erica.

## CHUCK FLETCHER

### Director of Hockey Operations

Chuck Fletcher enters his 11th season in the NHL, his second as the Mighty Ducks director of hockey operations. Fletcher oversees all aspects of the club's professional scouting operations, assisting Senior Vice President & General Manager Bryan Murray in the evaluation of players to determine player assignments, trades and free agent signings. His duties also include the coordination of the Ducks' annual training camp, rookie camp and summer conditioning camp.

In addition, Fletcher serves as general manager of the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks of the American Hockey League, responsible for overseeing that club's hockey operations as well as the development of the Ducks' top prospects.

A 1990 Harvard University graduate, Fletcher spent nine years in the Florida Panthers organization from 1993-2002. He spent more than seven seasons as the club's assistant general manager from 1994-2001 and was named interim general manager on December 3, 2001. Fletcher's main responsibilities with Florida were contract negotiations, developing and tracking the hockey operations budget, scouting, and supervision of the day-to-day hockey operations of the club. Fletcher also spent three seasons as the general manager of the Panthers' AHL affiliate.

Prior to joining the Florida organization, he spent two years (1991-93) as a player representative for Newport Sports Management and one year serving as the sales and merchandising coordinator for Hockey Canada (1987-88).

Chuck, 36, is the son of longtime NHL executive Cliff Fletcher, the Senior Executive Vice-President of Hockey Operations for the Phoenix Coyotes.

A native of Montreal, Quebec, Chuck and his wife Rhonda reside in Anaheim Hills. They have two children, a daughter Kaitlin (5) and a son Keith (3).

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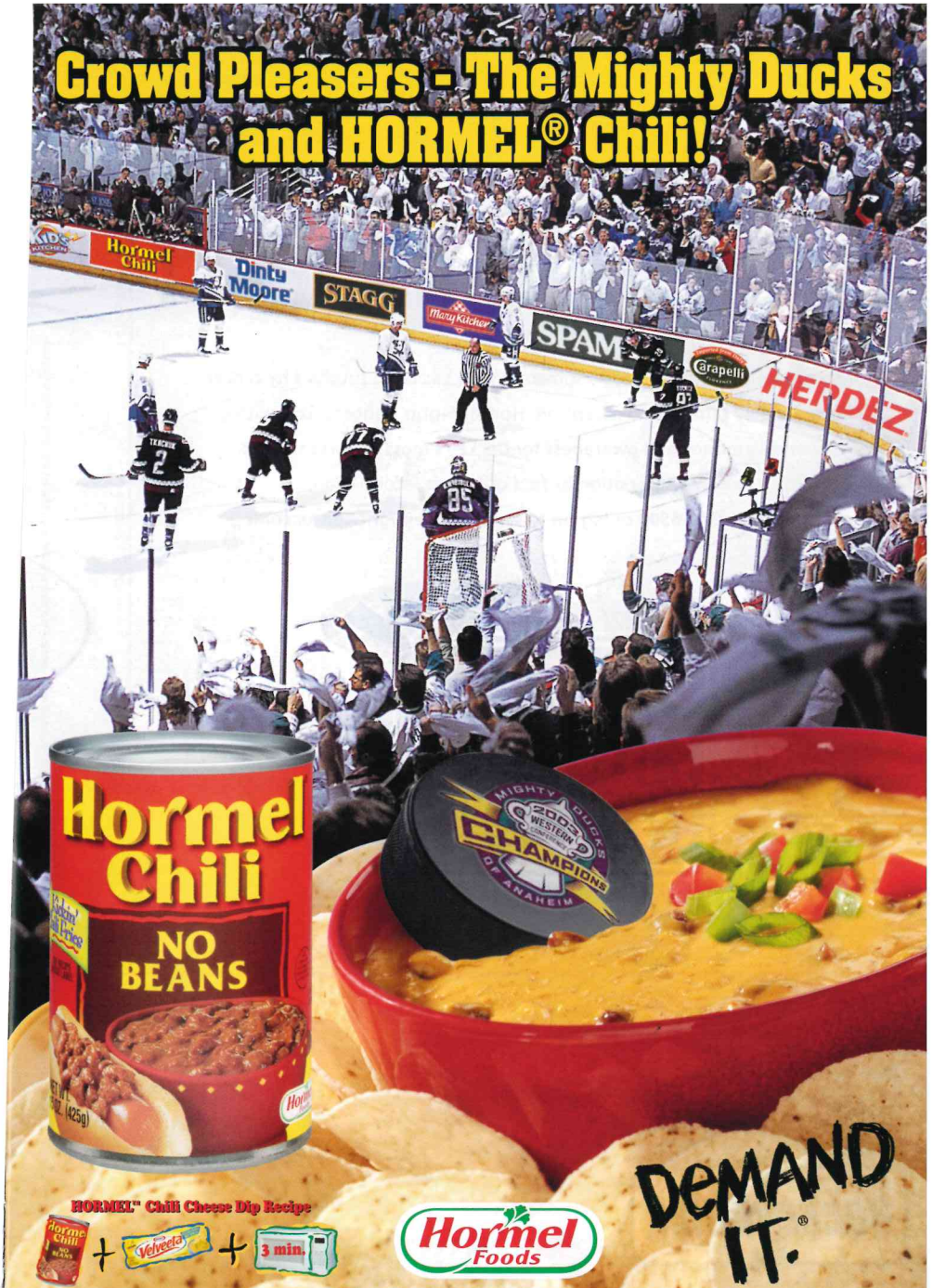


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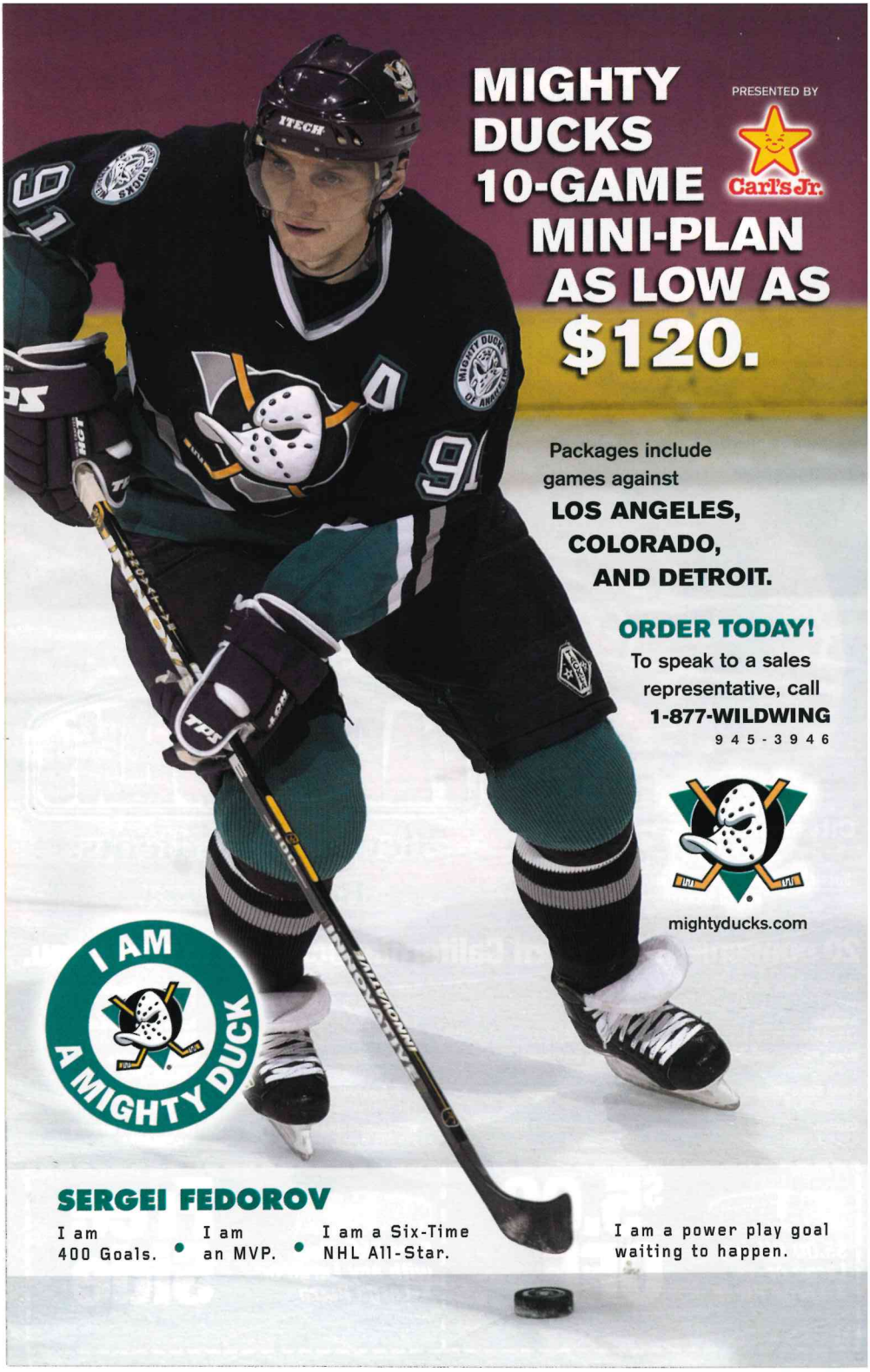
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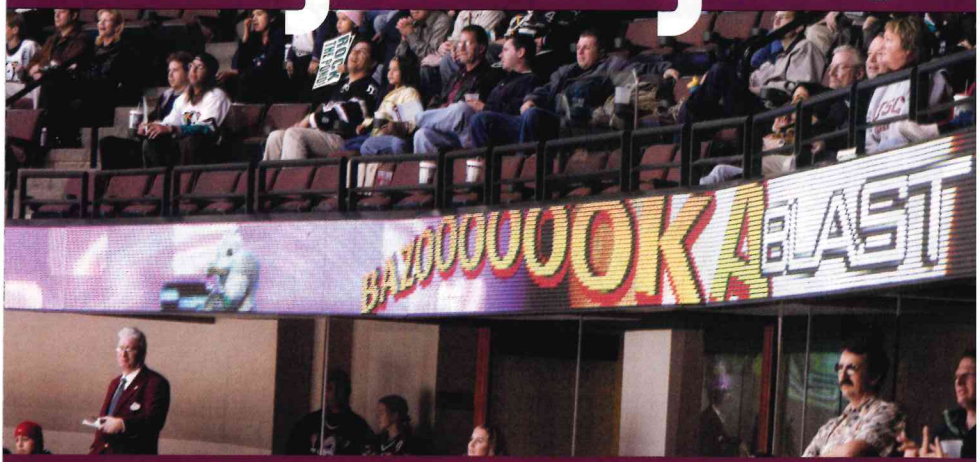


## The Arrowhead Pond Of Anaheim Debuts New LED Display

**By Deborah Lew**

The Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim is now sporting a dynamic new look. The inside of the building is a little brighter, a little more colorful, and a lot more vibrant since the installation of the new full-color Light Emitting Diode (LED) display that now surrounds the lower bowl of the arena. The new display, which debuted on January 18th during an Anaheim Storm game, has been a work in progress for the past few years.

Measuring in at 21.5 inches tall and over 849 feet around, the entire display contains a total of 270,720 pixels, which are capable of generating over one billion colors. The LED will be used for entertainment purposes, as well as revenue-generating advertisements and promotions.

"It helps you in two areas: our major sponsors are seeing a presence in the facility that they previously weren't getting," Al Coates, Mighty Ducks' Senior Vice President of Business Operations said. "Our fans, on the other hand, are getting another element of entertainment that they previously weren't getting."

Already present in other NHL arenas, plans to install the LED at the Pond was a joint effort between the Mighty Ducks and Anaheim Arena Management (AAM), who split the $1.2 million cost. Manufacturing and installation of the new boards was completed by Daktronics, while Pond staff is responsible for the operation of the LED during events. The Ducks and all other building tenants are responsible for their own content.

One of the Ducks' more popular LED animations is the American Eagle, which encircles the arena during the singing of the national anthem. The eagle flies around the perimeter of the bowl, before making its way to the ends, where it then appears to fly over top of the building, in a somewhat three-dimensional fashion.

"You almost feel a momentary lull from the fans because they're mesmerized by this thing initially," Coates said.

During games when the puck is in play, the LED is in what is called "static" or "game in progress" mode. At this time, there are spaces for 28 different messages around the arena, whether it be for sponsors, promotions, or game stats. Plans for out-of-town sports highlights are also being considered for the near future. Other graphics and animation are used at various times during games, which offer a fluctuating flavor to the atmosphere in the arena.

"We're using it primarily to generate a reaction from the fans, whether it's the power play, or a game situation reaction," Ducks Entertainment Manager Rod Murray said. "It's basically an approved cheerleading resource."

Indeed, the feature has left people with an overwhelmingly positive impression.

"I thought it really lightened up the building and it really adds to the atmosphere," Ducks center Jason Krog said. "The fans have always been good, but it gives them something else to look at."

Defenseman Niclas Havelid agrees: "Most of the new buildings around the league have boards like that and it's cool. You can see the names of who scored and who had assists; it's what the Pond needed to get the fans going a little bit."

The LED boards are only a portion of the major improvements that the Pond will undergo in the coming year, following the change of building management to AAM.

"If you look at our rink, the outside and the inside are as nice as any of the rinks that are out there, so they're doing a great job," Krog said.

If by some chance you don't happen to know which LED boards are producing such a hype, look around – you can't miss it.

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# MIKE BABCOCK

## Head Coach

Mike Babcock enters his second season as head coach of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. He was named the sixth head coach in team history on May 22, 2002.

In his first season as an NHL head coach, Babcock led the Ducks to their first ever Stanley Cup Finals appearance. The Ducks became the second post 1990's expansion team to reach the Finals (Florida in 1996) and the fourth team since 1926 from the Pacific Time Zone to play for the Stanley Cup. In addition, Babcock became the first rookie coach to reach the Finals since Florida's Doug MacLean in 1996 and the first ex-McGIll University Player to coach in the Finals since the legendary Lester Patrick did so in 1937. With a four-game sweep over Detroit in the first round, the Ducks became the first team since the 1952 Red Wings (over Toronto) to sweep a defending Stanley Cup Champion.

Prior to the Mighty Duck's playoff run, Babcock led the team to the best regular season in club history with 40 wins and 95 points (40-27-9-6). Anaheim was the most improved team in the NHL, finishing 26 points higher than they did in 2001-2002 (69 points increased to 95). Babcock became one of only eight coaches in league history to lead a team to an improvement of 26 points-or-more in his first season as an NHL head coach. Of those eight, only four finished with a record over .500 (Ducks finished 13 games over .500). Babcock's team-first approach also led to club records for best goals-against average (2.32) and fewest goals allowed (193).

Prior to joining Anaheim, Babcock spent two seasons as head coach of the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks (2000-2002), Anaheim's primary development affiliate in the American Hockey League. While with Cincinnati, he led the club to a combined 74-59-20-7 record (.547 winning percentage), including a franchise-best 41 wins and 95 points (41-26-9-4) in 2000-2001. The team qualified for the Calder Cup Playoffs each season. Babcock was named head coach for Cincinnati on July 11, 2000.

Babcock, 40 (4/29/63), earned the honor of coaching the Canadian World Junior Team in 1997, leading the club to its last gold medal in the tournament. Prior to joining the Mighty Ducks, Babcock had a successful six-year run as the head coach of the Spokane Chiefs of the Western Hockey League (WHL). While with Spokane, he had a regular season record of 224-175-29 (.557 winning percentage, the highest in the WHL in that span). He was twice named WHL Coach of the Year (1996 & 2000) after taking the franchise to the league finals both seasons. Additionally, he was the head coach of the 2000 WHL West Division All-Star Team.

Babcock won a national championship and was named the Coach of the Year while with the Lethbridge Pronghorns in 1993-94. He began his WHL career as head coach of the Moose Jaw Warriors from 1991-93.

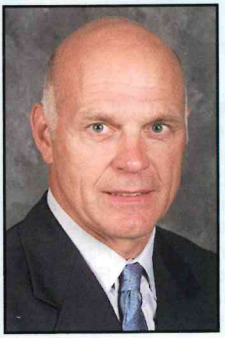
In 1988, Babcock was named head coach at Red Deer College in Red Deer, Alberta. He spent three seasons at the school, winning the Alberta College Championship and Coach of the Year Award in 1989.

A native of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Babcock played in the WHL in 1980-81 (Saskatoon) and 1982-83 (Kelowna, where he was team captain). In between, he spent a year at the University of Saskatoon. Babcock also played four years at McGill University (1983-87), twice being named an All-Star defenseman (also team captain). He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and attended graduate school in sports psychology at McGill. In March of 2001, he was inducted into the University of Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame.

The sixth head coach in club history, Mike and his wife Maureen have three children.

# Assistant Coaches

## Mighty Ducks of Anaheim



## Lorne Henning

### Assistant Coach

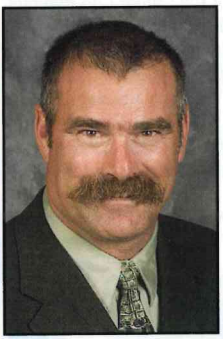
Lorne Henning enters his second season with the Mighty Ducks. He was named assistant coach for the team on July 11, 2002.

A four-time Stanley Cup champion, Henning has spent the majority of his career as a player and coach with the New York Islanders organization (22 years). Most recently, Henning was the club's associate coach from 1998-2001.

Henning played nine NHL seasons with the Islanders from 1972-81, scoring 73-111=184 points in 544 regular season games (also played in 81 playoff games). He won his first Stanley Cup as a player in 1980, assisting on Bob Nystrom's series-clinching goal vs. Philadelphia. Henning retired as a player during the 1980-81 season and was immediately named an assistant coach to Al Arbour (was a player/coach part of the season). The Islanders won the next three Stanley Cups as well, having their four-year run as champions end vs. Edmonton in the 1984 Finals. Henning left his assistant coaching post to assume head coaching duties with Springfield (Islanders' AHL affiliate) the following season.

A native of Melfort, Saskatchewan, Henning spent one season in Springfield (1984-85) before serving as head coach for the Minnesota North Stars for two years (1985-87). The 50-year-old Henning was named a finalist for the Jack Adams Trophy following the 1985-86 season, which saw the North Stars improve 23 standings points from the previous season. In 1989, he returned to the Islanders for five seasons, taking on head coaching duties during the 1994-95 season in New York. Henning also served three seasons as an assistant coach with the Chicago Blackhawks (1995-98).

Lorne earned his U.S. Citizenship this past summer (now owns dual U.S. & Canadian Citizenship). He and his wife Cathye have two sons, Brett & Garrett, and a daughter, Marissa.



## Paul MacLean

### Assistant Coach

Paul MacLean enters his second season as an assistant coach for the Mighty Ducks. He was named to his current position on July 11, 2002.

A native of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, MacLean spent the previous two seasons (2000-2002) as head coach of the Quad City Mallards of the United Hockey League (UHL). He led the Mallards to a two-season record of 112-27-9 (.787 winning percentage) and the 2001 Colonial Cup Championship.

Prior to joining Quad City, the 45-year-old MacLean was a head coach in the International Hockey League (IHL) with the Kansas City Blades from 1997-2000. He was an assistant coach with the Phoenix Coyotes in 1996-97 and head coach at Peoria (IHL) from 1993-96. While with Peoria, MacLean was named the Hockey News Minor League Coach of the Year in 1994 after leading the Rivermen to a mark of 51-24-6 and a division title. He was also a scout with the St. Louis Blues for two seasons from 1991-93.

A power play specialist, MacLean spent 11 years in the NHL as a player with Winnipeg, Detroit and St. Louis from 1980-91. He played 719 NHL regular season games, scoring 324-349=673 points (also played in 53 playoff games). Spending most of his career with Winnipeg (1981-87), MacLean had a career-high 101 points (41-60=101) in 1984-85 and was named to the Campbell Conference All-Star Team. On the Winnipeg/Phoenix all-time leaders list, he still ranks fourth in points (518), fourth in goals (248), fifth in assists (270), and eighth in games (528).

Paul and his wife Sharon have two sons, A.J. & David, and a daughter, Erin.

# ASSISTANT COACHES

WESTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

## GREG CARVEL

### Assistant Coach

Greg Carvel begins his fifth season with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, his first as an assistant coach. He was promoted to his current position on Aug. 15, 2003.

A native of Canton, NY, Carvel joined the Ducks in May of 1999 as the club's scouting coordinator. He took on additional responsibility as the team's video coach for the 2002-2003 season.

Before coming to Anaheim, he spent two years with the Lowell Lock Monsters of the American Hockey League as director of hockey operations. The 33-year old Carvel graduated from St. Lawrence University with a bachelor's degree in political science and mathematics in 1993. After serving as team captain at St. Lawrence in his senior year, Carvel went on to play one season of professional hockey in Sweden.

Following his playing career, Carvel became the assistant athletic director and assistant hockey coach at Canterbury Prep School in New Milford, CT. He then went on to attain his master's degree in sports management at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1996. While earning his degree, Carvel served as an assistant coach for the Amherst College hockey team.

Carvel was drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins in the Supplemental Draft in 1991, following his sophomore season at St. Lawrence.

Greg and his wife Daina reside in Tustin Ranch.

## FRANÇOIS ALLAIRE

### Goaltending Consultant

François Allaire enters his eighth season as the Mighty Ducks goaltending consultant.

Long considered one of hockey's foremost experts on goaltending, Allaire has worked extensively with Mighty Ducks' goaltenders over the last six years, including current netminders Jean-Sebastien Giguere and Martin Gerber.

A two-time Stanley Cup Champion, Allaire spent 12 seasons with the Montreal Canadiens organization before joining the Ducks. He won the Stanley Cup in 1986 & 1993 as the Canadiens goaltending coach. A graduate of the University of Sherbrooke with a degree in physical education, he has also published three books on hockey. The first is devoted to the various aspects of goaltending, the second deals with preseason training methods, while the third is on sports psychology.

The 48-year-old Allaire resides in Boisbriand, Quebec.

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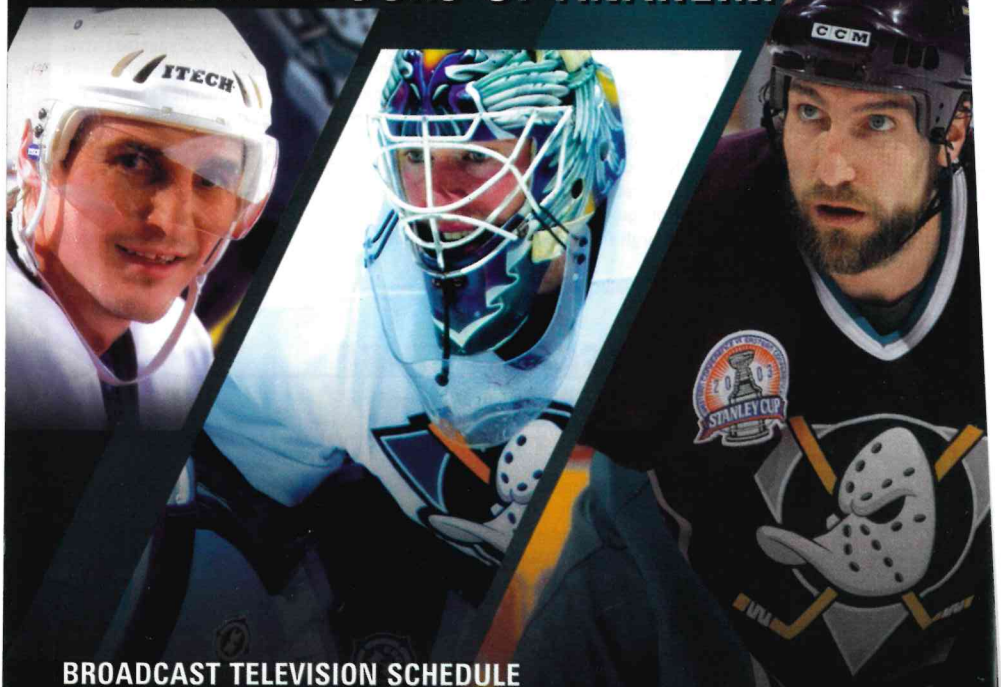


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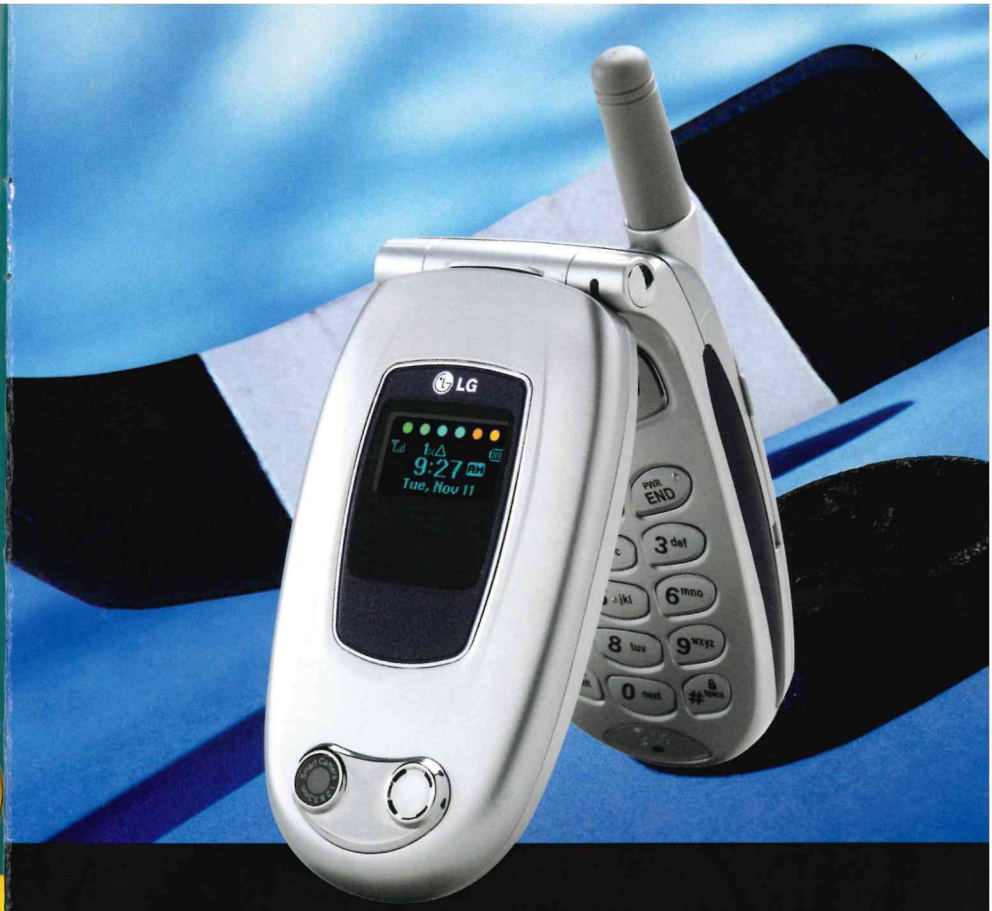


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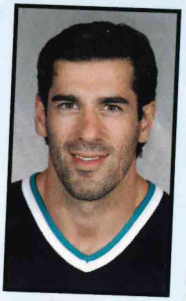

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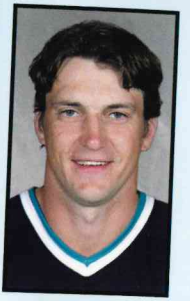

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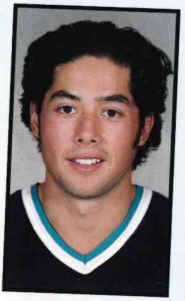

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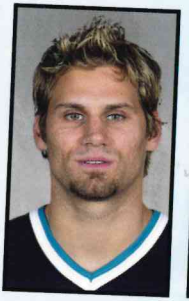

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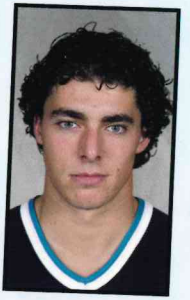

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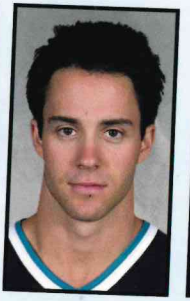

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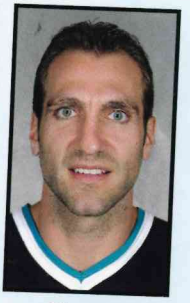

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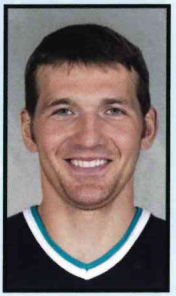

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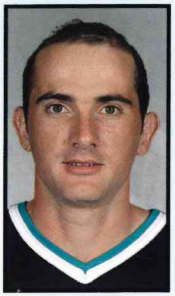

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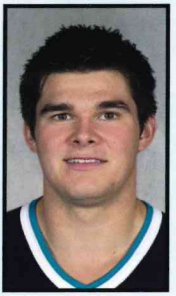

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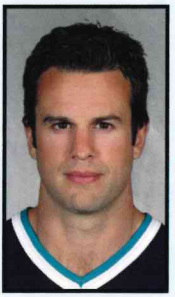

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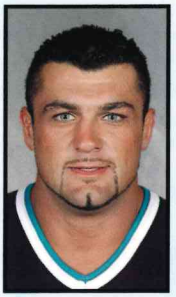

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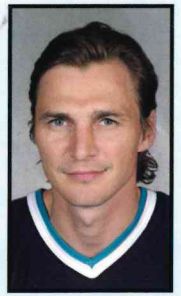

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| 4 | Lance Ward | D | L | 6-3/216 | 6/2/78 |
| 5 | Vitaly Vishnevski | D | L | 6-2/203 | 3/18/80 |
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| 10 | Jason Krog | C | R | 5-11/192 | 10/9/75 |
| 12 | Mike Leclerc | LW | L | 6-2/212 | 11/10/76 |
| 14 | Martin Skoula | D | L | 6-3/220 | 10/28/79 |
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Following a 3-3 tie with Carolina on Sunday, the Minnesota Wild are winless in their last four games (0-3-1-0), while managing just a 2-5-2-0 record since the All-Star break, dropping to 12th in the Western Conference and last in the Northwest Division with a 21-25-17-2 mark, two points behind Anaheim. All-Star goalie Dwayne Roloson has missed the Wild's last three games due to the death of his father. Manny Fernandez has been in net for Minnesota. The Wild are 0-1-1-0 this season against Anaheim, including a 6-2 drubbing at the Arrowhead Pond on Jan. 23. Vaclav Prospal recorded his first career hat trick for the Mighty Ducks, while both he and Niclas Havelid notched four-point nights. The Mighty Ducks are 5-0-1-0 in their last six contests against the Wild (including the playoffs), allowing just four goals in 393 minutes and six seconds for a 0.61 goals against average.

Andrew Brunette

## MINNESOTA WILD ROSTER

| # | Name | Pos | Height | Weight | Birthplace |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Willie Mitchell | D | 6-3 | 205 | Port McNeill, British Columbia |
| 4 | Brad Brown | D | 6-4 | 220 | Baie Verte, New Foundland |
| 5 | Brad Bombardir | D | 6-1 | 205 | Powell River, British Columbia |
| 8 | Brent Burns | RW | 6-4 | 210 | Ajax, Ontario |
| 9 | Alexandre Daigle | RW | 6-0 | 204 | Montreal, Quebec |
| 10 | Marian Gaborik | LW | 6-1 | 183 | Trencin, Slovakia |
| 11 | Pascal Dupuis | LW | 6-0 | 196 | Laval, Quebec |
| 12 | Matt Johnson | LW | 6-5 | 235 | Welland, Ontario |
| 15 | Andrew Brunette | LW | 6-1 | 210 | Sudbury, Ontario |
| 17 | Filip Kuba | D | 6-3 | 205 | Ostrava, Czech Republic |
| 18 | Richard Park | RW | 5-11 | 190 | Seoul, Korea |
| 20 | Andrei Zyuzin | D | 6-1 | 210 | Ufa, Russia |
| 21 | Eric Chouinard | C | 6-3 | 215 | Atlanta, Georgia |
| 24 | Antti Laaksonen | LW | 6-0 | 180 | Tammela, Finland |
| 28 | Jason Wiemer | C | 6-1 | 225 | Kimberley, British Columbia |
| 30 | Dwayne Roloson | G | 6-1 | 178 | Simcoe, Ontario |
| 32 | Marc Chouinard | C | 6-5 | 218 | Quebec, Quebec |
| 33 | Sergei Zholtok | C | 6-1 | 197 | Riga, Latvia |
| 34 | Jim Dowd | C | 6-1 | 190 | Brick, New Jersey |
| 35 | Emmanuel Fernandez | G | 6-0 | 185 | Etobicoke, Ontario |
| 36 | Alex Henry | LW | 6-5 | 220 | Elliot Lake, Ontario |
| 37 | Wes Walz | C | 5-10 | 180 | Calgary, Alberta |
| 55 | Nick Schultz | D | 6-0 | 187 | Strasb, Saskatchewan |
| 96 | Pierre-Marc Bouchard | C | 5-9 | 162 | Sherbrooke, Quebec |

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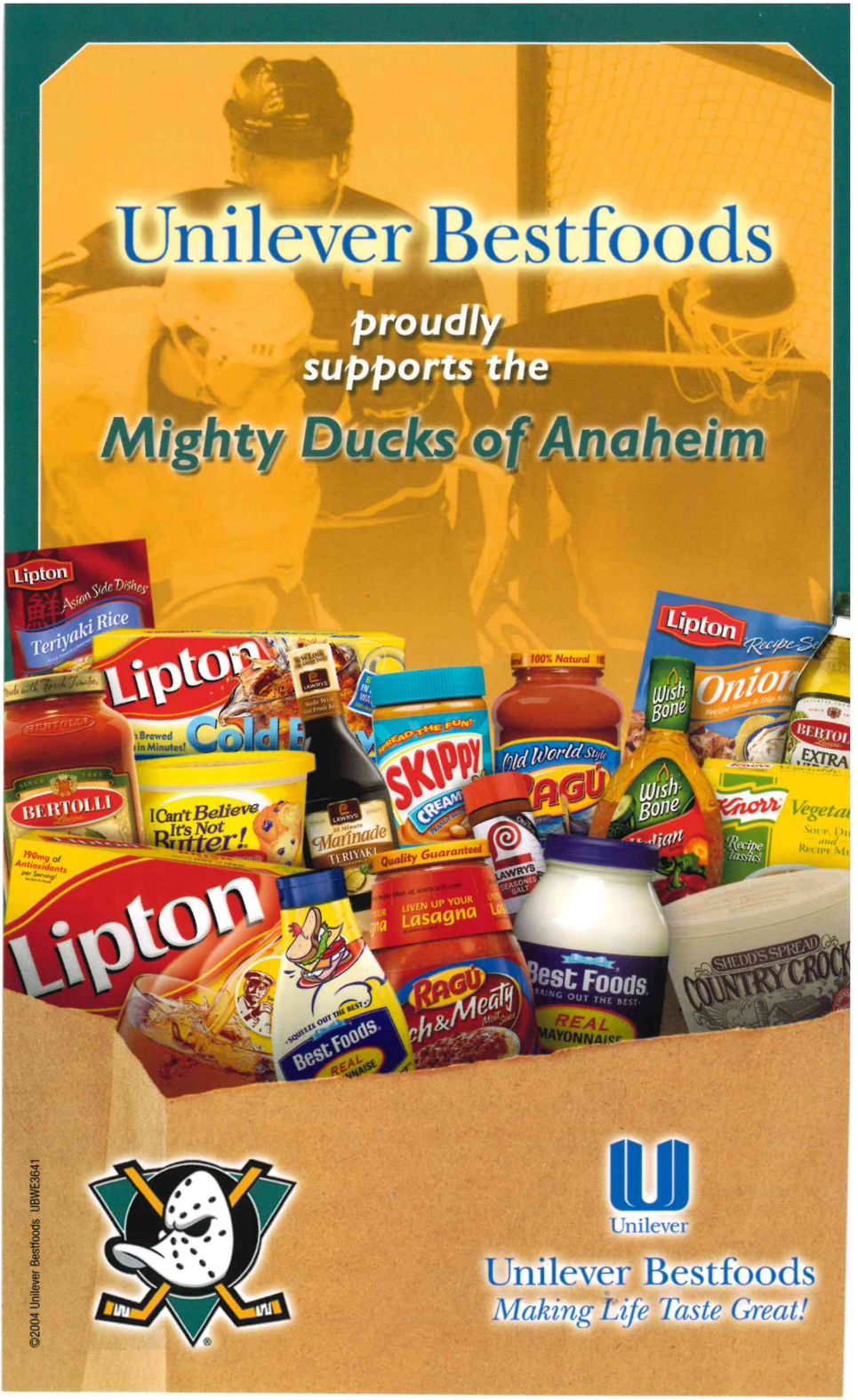


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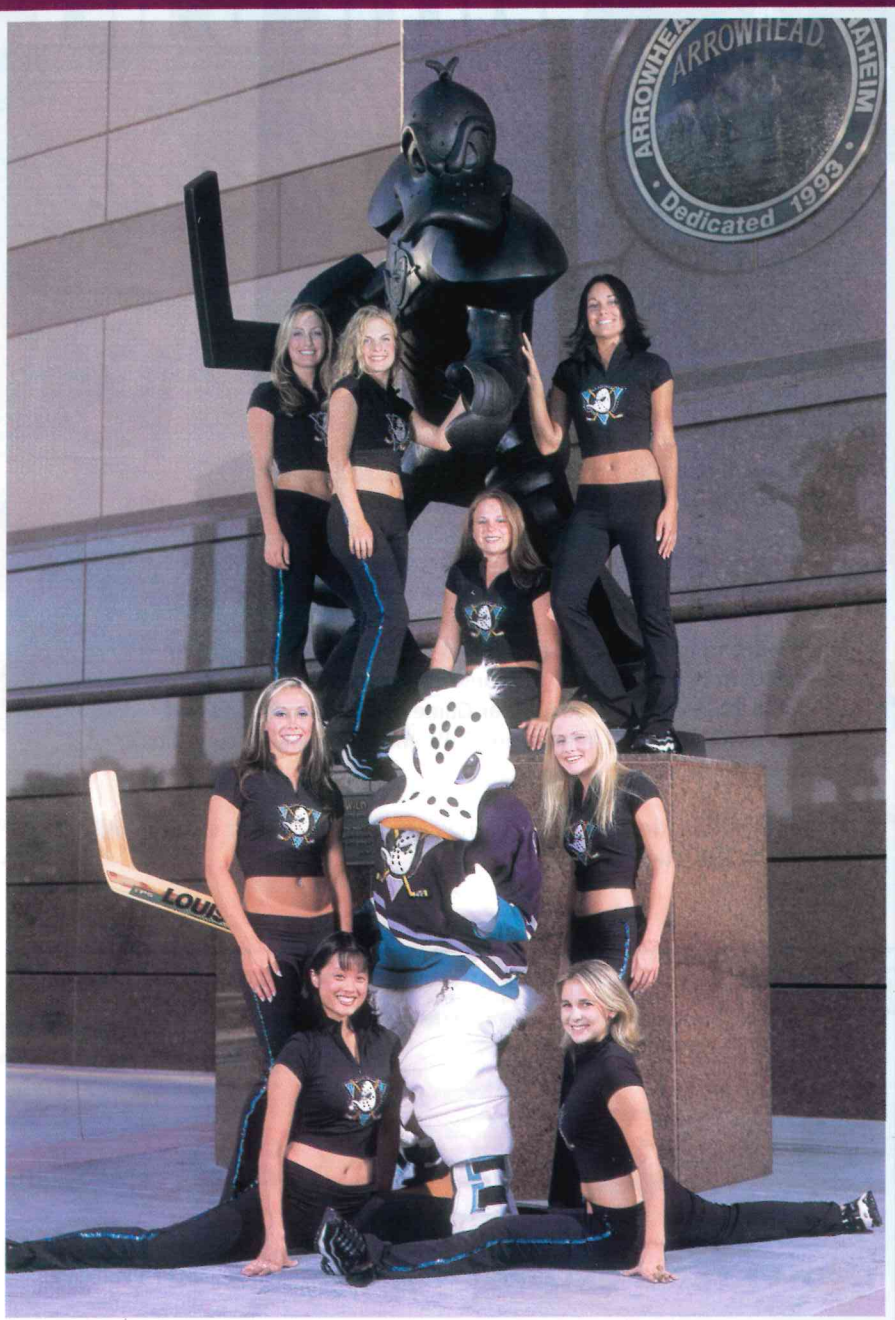

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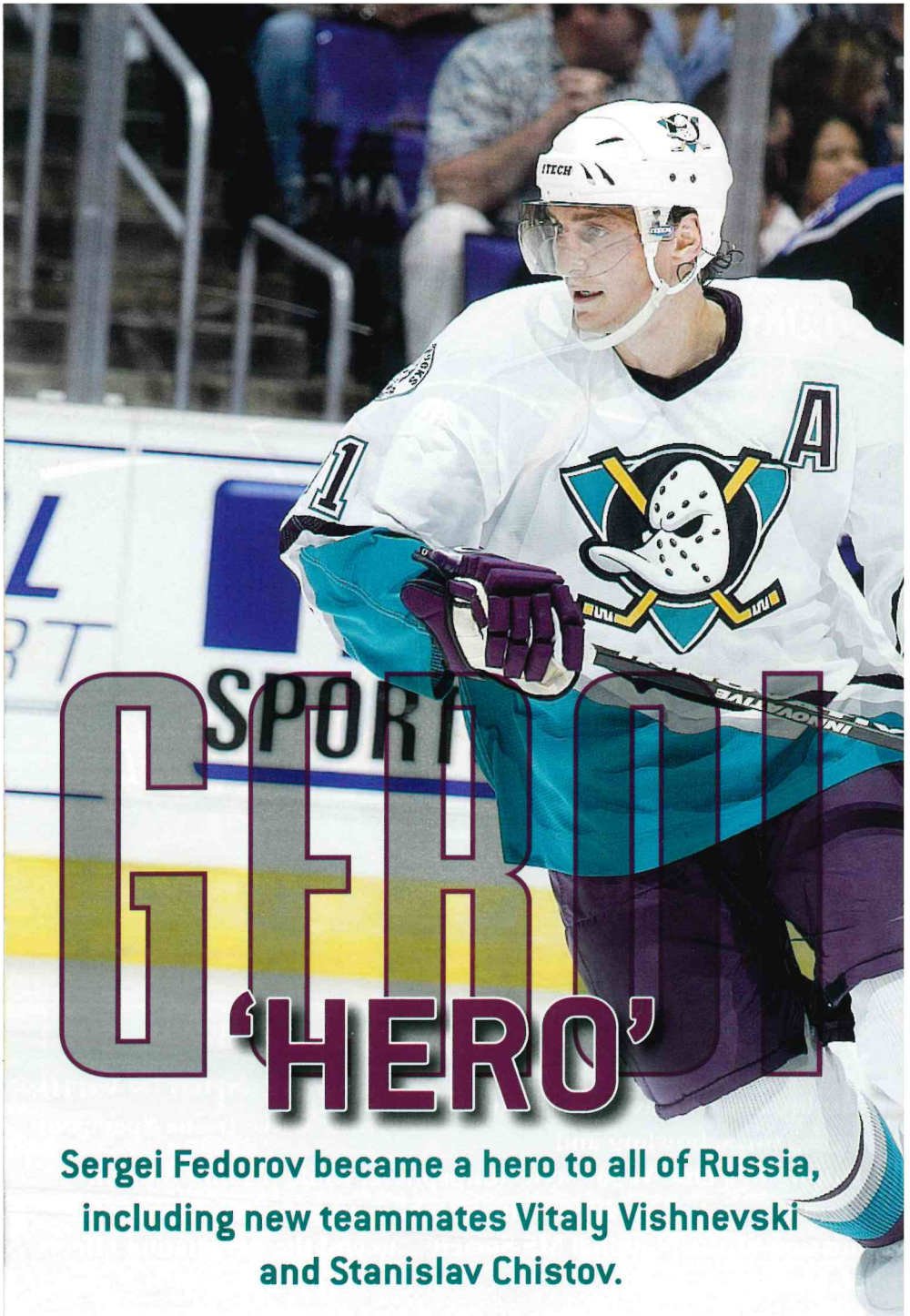
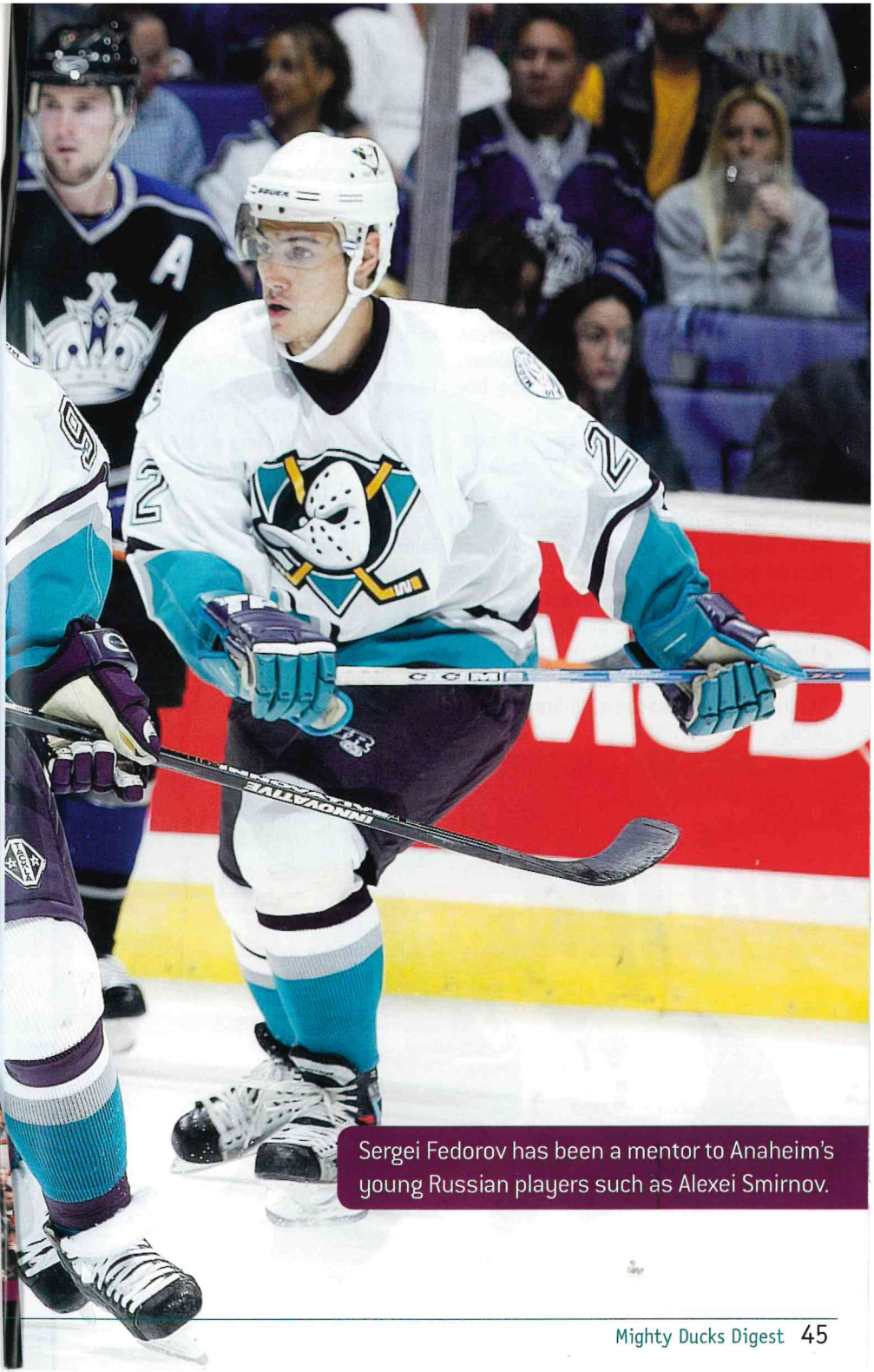


# GERON 'HERO'

**Sergei Fedorov became a hero to all of Russia, including new teammates Vitaly Vishnevski and Stanislav Chistov.**

By Thomas LaRocca



Sergei Fedorov has been a mentor to Anaheim's young Russian players such as Alexei Smirnov.

At one time being thought a traitor for his defection from his native Soviet Union on July 21, 1990, Sergei Fedorov won back the hearts of millions of Russians with his stellar play as a Detroit Red Wing in the 1990s.

Too young to remember the reaction to the defection first hand, Stanislav Chistov idolized Fedorov as a Detroit Red Wing, Russia's unofficial NHL team, and the only team he knew. Now, more than a decade later, Fedorov has taken a new address playing for the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, with second-year winger Chistov, the boy who admired him.

"He was the most popular guy in Russia, in all of the papers and on TV," Chistov said, "I didn't know many teams when I was young, but the Red Wings were one - they were winning Stanley Cups and a lot of Russian guys played there."

Drafted by the Red Wings in 1989, Fedorov played in Detroit until departing as a free agent last summer. In the process he won three Stanley Cups, the Hart Memorial Trophy (MVP) and made six All-Star appearances.

But it was playing with Igor Larionov, Slava Kozlov, Vladimir Konstantinov and Slava Fetisov, forming the 'Russian Five,' that forced Fedorov into the role of a celebrity in Russia. The 'Russian Five' was the most successful and recognized contingent of Russian hockey in the NHL.

Mighty Ducks and Russian defenseman Vitaly Vishnevski, who closely followed the career of Fetisov as a child, also recognizes the importance of the 'Russian Five' in Russia.

"It will be in my memory all my life because I got to play with Sergei Fedorov the special Russian hockey player," Vishnevski said. "He used to play with the 'Russian Five', with the older players, and now he is playing with the new generation.

"He has great experience so you can learn a lot from him."

Vishnevski was drafted fifth overall in the 1998 NHL Entry Draft, and since making his debut on January 19, 2000, has been a solidifying force on the Ducks' defense.

"I was too young to see them (Russian Five) play," Vishnevski said. "I read in the newspaper a lot about that team (Red

Stanislav Chistov always looked at Fedorov as a hero.

Vitaly Vishnevski is one of the top young Russian players in the NHL.

Wings), but I didn't see them much on the ice."

With Konstantinov and Fetisov retired, and Larionov skating in his final NHL season, with the New Jersey Devils, only Kozlov, playing in Atlanta, and Fedorov remain from that initial Russian influx. A new wave of Russian athletes has emerged in the NHL with the successes of Atlanta's Ilya Kovalchuk, Detroit's Pavel Datsyuk, the King's Alexander Frolov, and the Ducks' Chistov, amongst others.

"Sergei talks to me a lot, he always tells stories about when they played five Russian guys on the same line," Chistov said. "When things don't go well, he says stuff to me and I feel better."

The Ducks drafted Chistov with the fifth overall pick in the 2001 NHL draft. He then went through a year of court battles as his Russian team announced he was in the army and could not sign an NHL contract. In fact he was nearly considered AWOL and a deserter.

Finally, Chistov's agent attained his release from Russia and he signed with Anaheim and at just 19 years old, Chistov made a splash in his NHL debut scoring a goal and adding three assists in his first NHL game, a 4-3 win over the St. Louis Blues on October 10, 2002.

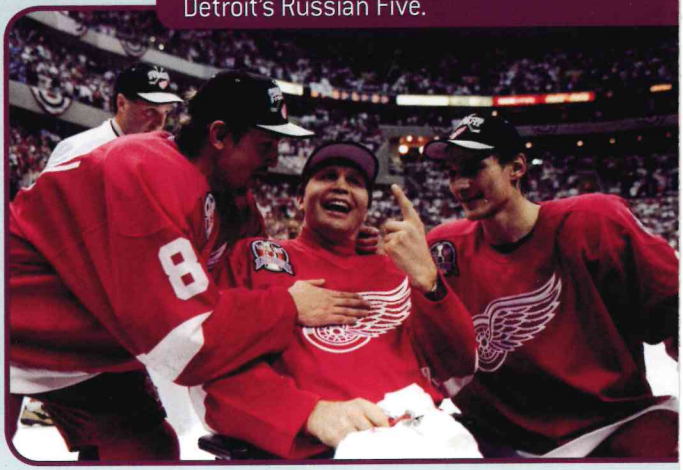
He had a solid rookie campaign finishing with 12 goals and adding 18 assists for 30 points. He played in all 21 playoff games, scoring four goals as the Ducks came within one victory of winning the Stanley Cup.

"Last year was very emotional, I was very happy," Cheesey (as he has come to be known) said, "I thought I would come in and my second year would be better with more experience."

Though struggling offensively this season, Chistov has spent time this season with Cincinnati, Anaheim's minor league affiliate. But the future still looks bright for Chistov. Playing in the NHL was a dream for the young Russian, skating with his boyhood idol, was just icing on the cake.

"This is a dream come true."

(L-R) Igor Larionov, Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergei Fedorov were members of Detroit's Russian Five.



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**Do you have children under 18 yrs old?**
❑ Yes ❑ No

**Which of the following best describes your current occupation?**
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❑ Managerial
❑ Administrative/Clerical
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❑ Retired
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**How did you obtain your ticket for tonight's game?**
❑ My own season ticket (full)
❑ Partial season ticket plan
❑ Season ticket from a friend
❑ Our corporate season ticket
❑ Purchased from box office
❑ Ticket promotion/contest

**If corporate season ticket, are you the main contact?**
❑ Yes ❑ No

**How many Mighty Ducks games do you attend in one season?**
❑ 1 – 2
❑ 3 – 4
❑ 5 – 9
❑ 10+

**Would you like to receive future club news or ticket offers from the Mighty Ducks?**
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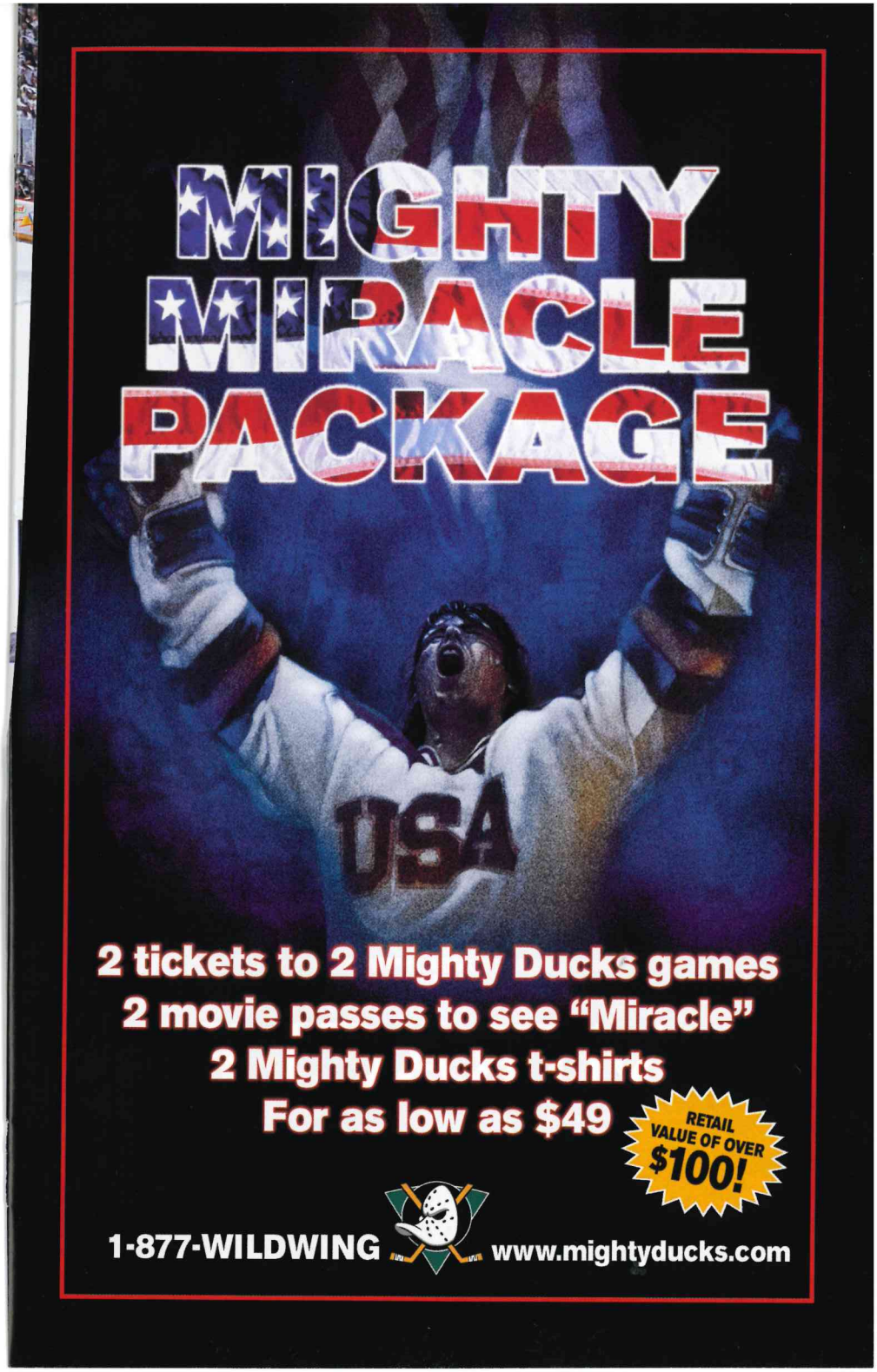
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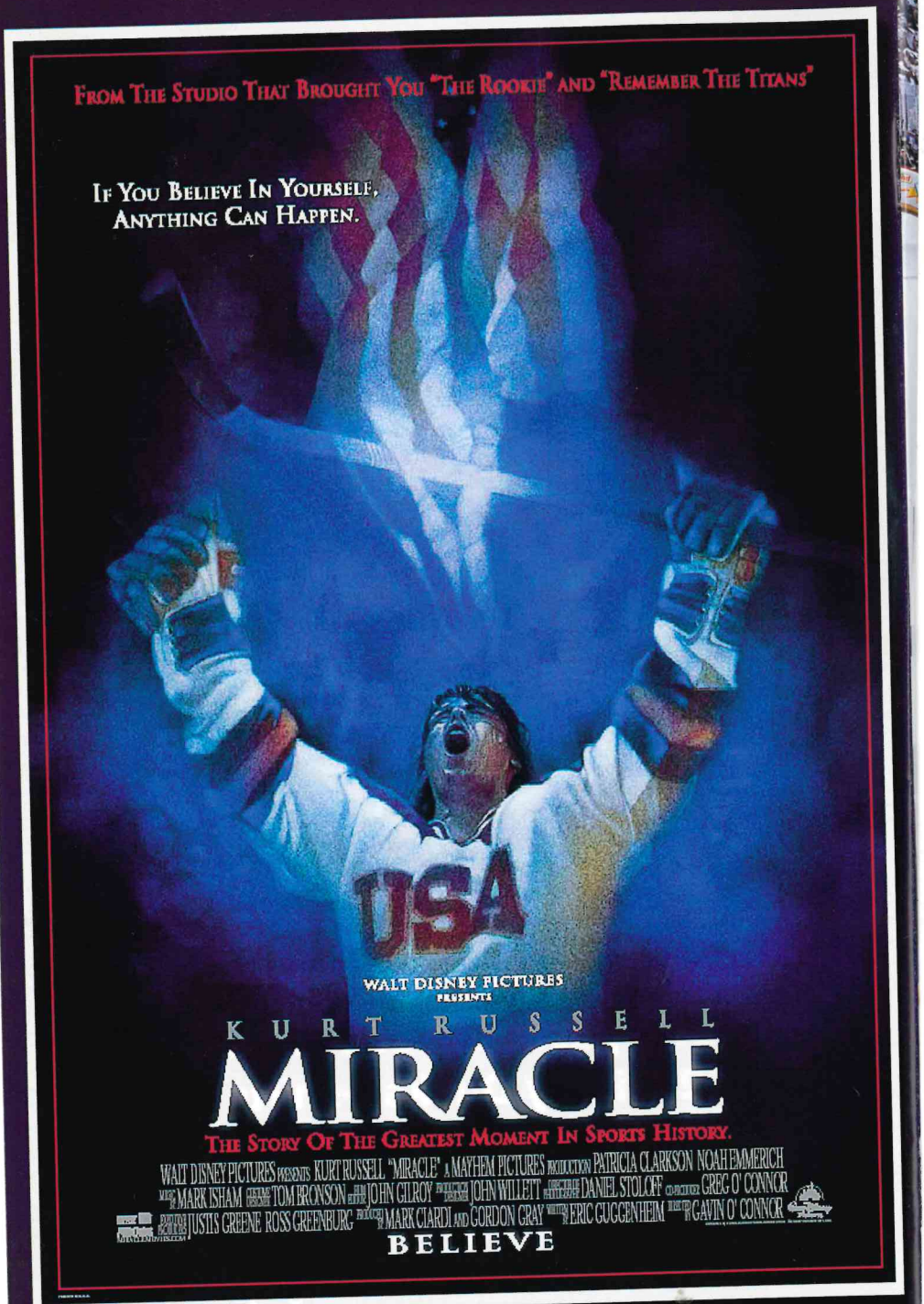
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Based on the exciting true story of one of the greatest moments in modern history, "Miracle" is the inspiring story of the team that transcended its sport and united a nation with a new feeling of hope. In 1980, the United States Ice Hockey team's coach, Herb Brooks (KURT RUSSELL), challenged a ragtag squad of college kids to take on the awesome juggernaut from the Soviet Union – the greatest hockey team in the world – at the Olympic Games. Despite the long odds, Team USA carried the pride of a nation yearning for a distraction from world events. With the world watching, the team rose to the occasion, prompting broadcaster Al Michaels' now-famous question to the millions viewing at home: "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!"

The filmmakers behind "Miracle" wanted to make sure that the film had the most realistic hockey ever filmed. To make that happen, when casting Team USA, they found hockey players who could learn to act, and not the other way around. "We could either teach actors to play the sport at the level I wanted to achieve without body doubles

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"Miracle" Director Gavin O'Connor (center) leads his team of young actors - most of whom were making their motion picture debut.

– impossible – or we can do an exhaustive search for highly skilled hockey players who were born with the performing gene and didn't know it," says Gavin O'Connor, the director of the film.

Most of the young men who were cast – eleven Americans and nine Canadians – had played hockey in college, the junior leagues, or professionally in Europe. They could not believe their good fortune to be playing the game they loved in a Hollywood film. A few months earlier they were either graduating from college or high school or searching for a career. All were now intent on honoring the men they were playing.

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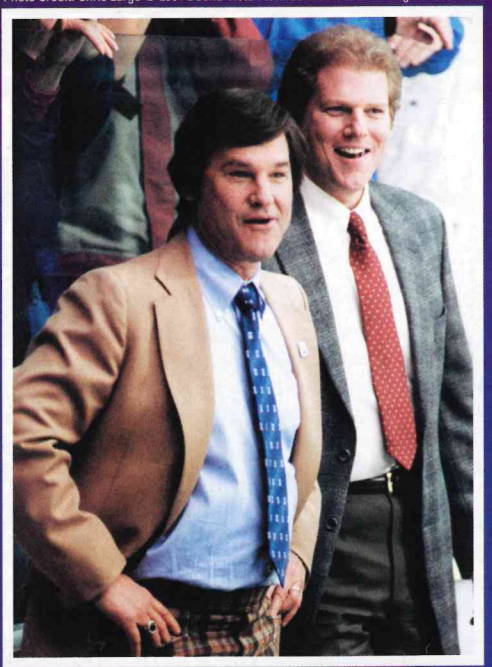

**Herb Brooks (Kurt Russell, left) and assistant coach Craig Patrick (Noah Emmerich, right) watch the team with admiration.**

For the pivotal role of team captain Mike Eruzione, the producers and director turned to longtime hockey player, first-time actor Patrick O'Brien Demsey (friends call him "Paddy" – "That's what happens when your name is Patrick O'Brien Demsey," he says).

"I found out about the audition less than a day before it happened," he says. "I graduated from college and a week later found out I got the part. It couldn't have gotten any better.

"The real Mike Eruzione lives about 20 minutes away from me," Demsey says. "I got to skate with him and his son's team for about three weeks. But I was also hanging around at home for about six weeks between school ending and the movie beginning – my mom had me painting different rooms of the house to earn my keep. I was definitely excited to get to Canada."

Michael Mantenuto, also from the Boston area, was cast as Jack O'Callahan. "I got a call from Randi Hiller, who did the casting. He said that O'Callahan is a tough Boston kid, kind of charismatic, the first guy to drop his gloves. So I went out to L.A. for the auditions and ended up getting into a fight. It wasn't anything that I planned to do, but I think people saw it and said, 'All right, that's Jack.'"

To play the original team's leftwing, Buzz Schneider, O'Connor chose the perfect player: Billy Schneider, the Olympian's son. "We knew that they were making the movie, but we had no idea that they were doing a nationwide casting search until my wife read it in the paper," Buzz says. "She said, 'Do you think this is something that Billy would be interested in?' Four or five auditions later, he got the part. It's mind boggling, watching him play something that was a big part of my life."

But they couldn't stop at Team USA – they would have to find competition that could hold their own when portraying the opponents – the Soviet team, the greatest hockey team in the world. With that in mind, they found five former NHL players to play on the Soviet team in the film: Sasha Lakovic (New Jersey Devils), Bill Ranford (Edmonton Oilers), Todd Harkins (New York Islanders and a former Team USA member), Mike MacWilliam (New York Rangers), and Randy Heath (New York Rangers).

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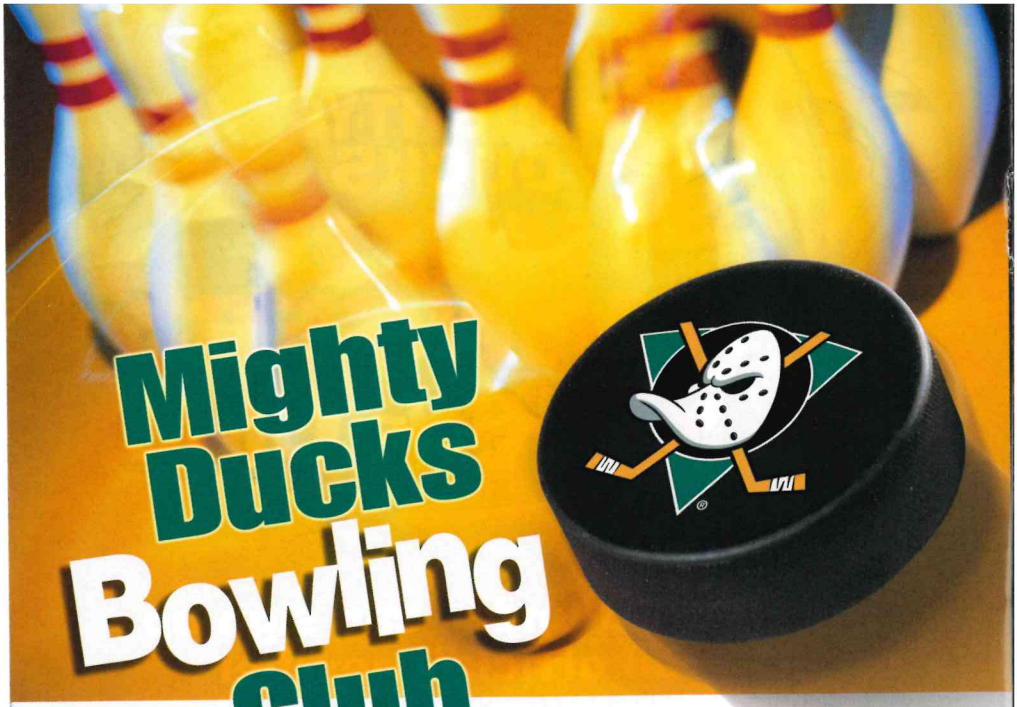


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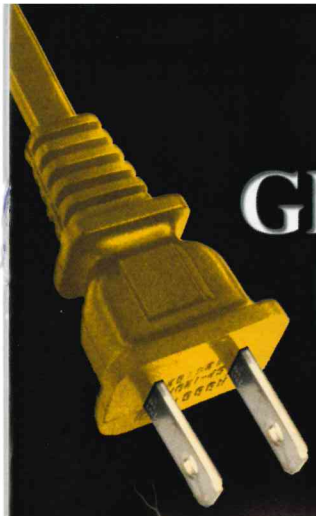

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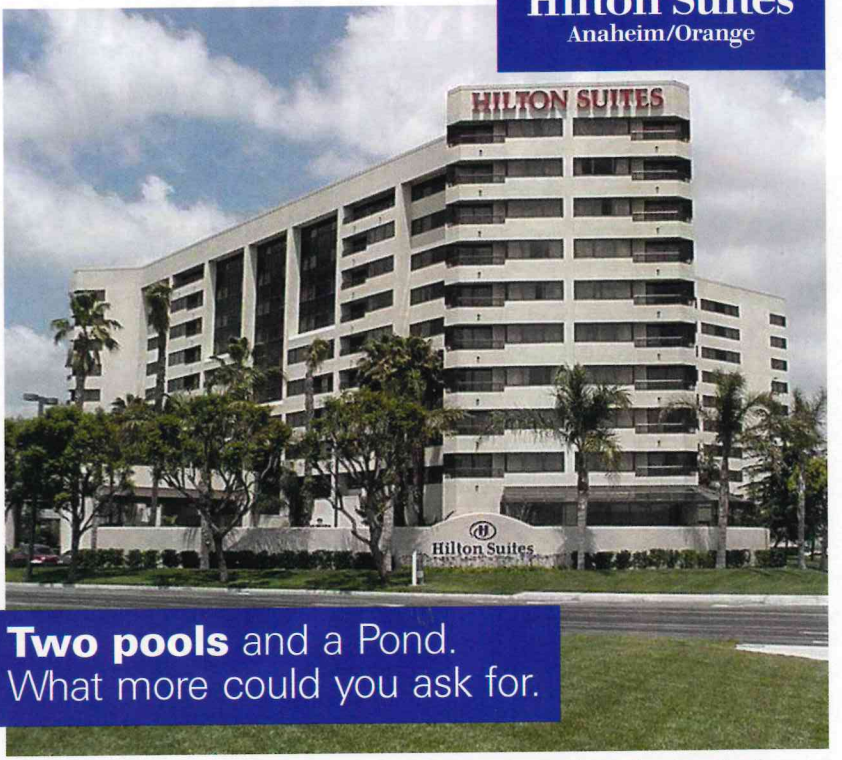


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### SEPT

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 LA 7:30 | 19 SJ 7:30 | 20 |
| 21 PHX 5:00 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 FLA 7:30 | 27 SJ 7:30 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

● PRE-SEASON GAMES

### OCT

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 PHX 7:00 | 3 LA 7:30 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 DAL 5:00 E | 9 NSH 5:00 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 PHX 5:00 K9 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 OTT 7:30 F2 | 18 |
| 19 BOS 5:00 F2 | 20 | 21 SJ 7:30 F2 | 22 PHI 7:30 F2 | 23 | 24 BUF 7:30 F2 | 25 |
| 26 CHI 5:00 K9 | 27 | 28 NYR 4:30 E2 | 29 WSH 4:00 | 30 | 31 | |

### NOV

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 NYI 10:00 K9 |
| 2 CHI 4:00 K9 | 3 | 4 STL 5:00 F2 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 PHX 6:00 K9 |
| 9 PHX 5:00 K9 | 10 | 11 | 12 TOR 7:30 F2 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 STL 5:00 K9 | 17 | 18 COL 5:00 F2 E2 | 19 DAL 5:30 F2 | 20 | 21 NSH 7:30 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 NJ 7:30 F2 | 27 | 28 CHI 1:00 F2 | 29 |
| 30 MIN 3:30 E2 K9 | | | | | | |

### DEC

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 CLB 4:00 F2 | 3 DET 4:30 F2 | 4 | 5 ATL 4:30 | 6 |
| 7 DAL 5:00 E2 K9 | 8 | 9 | 10 SJ 7:30 F2 | 11 | 12 | 13 SJ 7:30 F2 |
| 14 EDM 5:00 K9 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 COL 7:30 F2 | 20 |
| 21 SJ 5:00 K9 | 22 SJ 7:30 F2 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 FLA 4:30 K9 |
| 28 | 29 TB 4:00 | 30 | 31 CAR 4:30 | | | |

### JAN

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 BUF 5:00 | 3 DET 4:30 E2 K9 |
| 4 | 5 DAL 7:30 F2 | 6 | 7 LA 7:30 F2 | 8 | 9 VAN 7:30 F2 | 10 |
| 11 CLB 5:00 K9 | 12 | 13 COL 6:00 F2 | 14 | 15 EDM 6:00 | 16 | 17 VAN 7:00 K9 |
| 18 | 19 CGY 5:00 F2 | 20 | 21 DET 7:30 F2 | 22 | 23 MIN 7:30 F2 | 24 LA 7:30 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 LA 7:30 | 29 | 30 COL 7:30 F2 | 31 |

### FEB

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 CGY 5:00 | 2 EDM 6:00 | 3 | 4 CAR 7:30 F2 | 5 | 6 | 7 NHL ALL-STAR WEEKEND |
| 8 NHL ALL-STAR WEEKEND | 9 | 10 | 11 PHX 7:30 F2 | 12 | 13 CGY 6:00 | 14 VAN 7:00 K9 |
| 15 | 16 DAL 5:00 F2 | 17 | 18 CLB 7:30 F2 | 19 | 20 NSH 7:30 F2 | 21 |
| 22 DAL 1:00 E | 23 PHX 6:00 F2 | 24 | 25 EDM 7:30 | 26 | 27 | 28 LA 1:00 |
| 29 LA 1:00 E | | | | | | |

### MAR

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 MIN 7:30 F2 | 4 | 5 CHI 5:30 F2 | 6 PIT 4:30 K9 |
| 7 | 8 MON 7:30 F2 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 NYI 7:30 F2 | 13 |
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| 28 MIN 1:00 E | 29 | 30 | 31 VAN 7:30 F2 | | | |

### APR

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 CGY 1:00 K9 | | | | | | |

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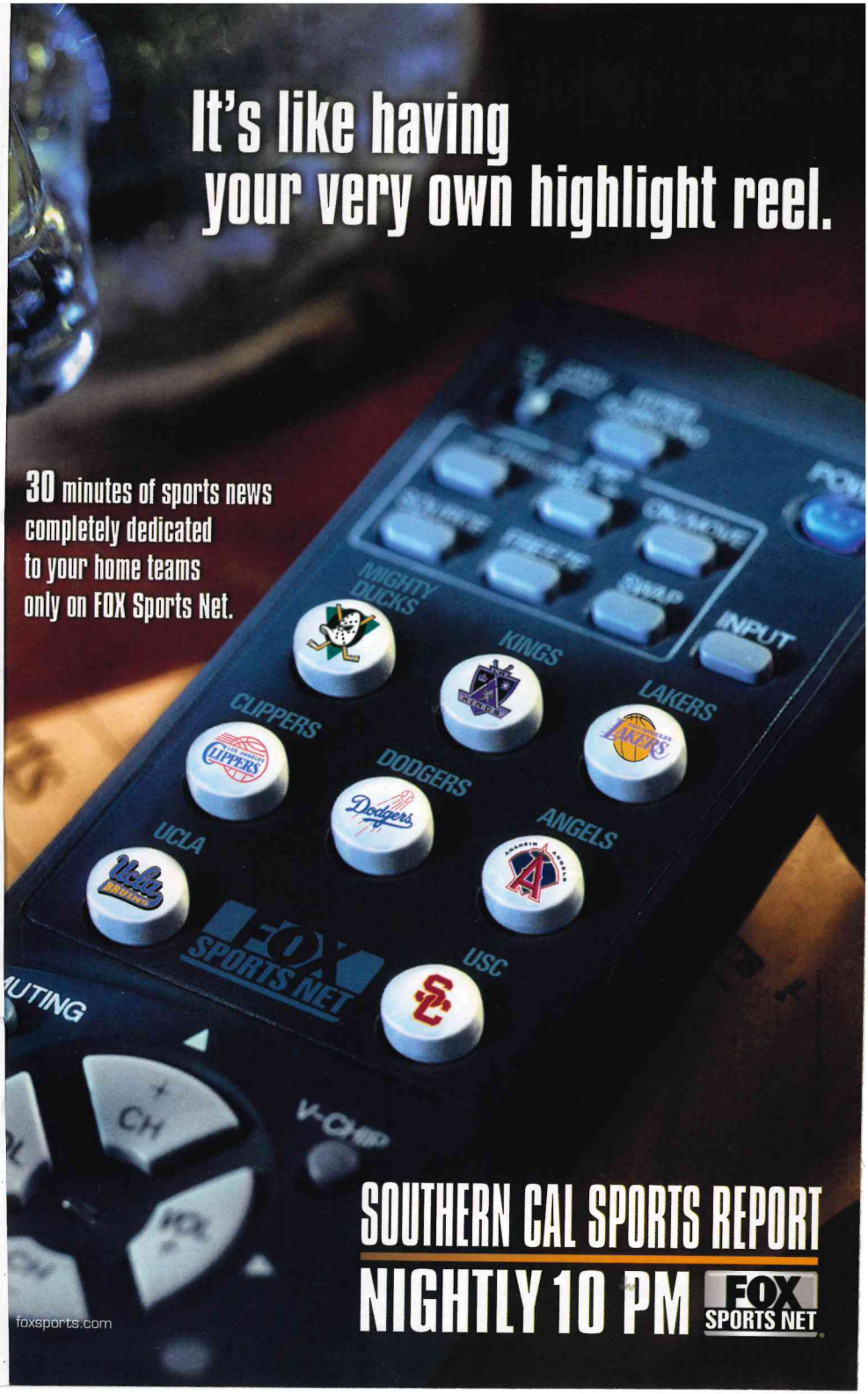
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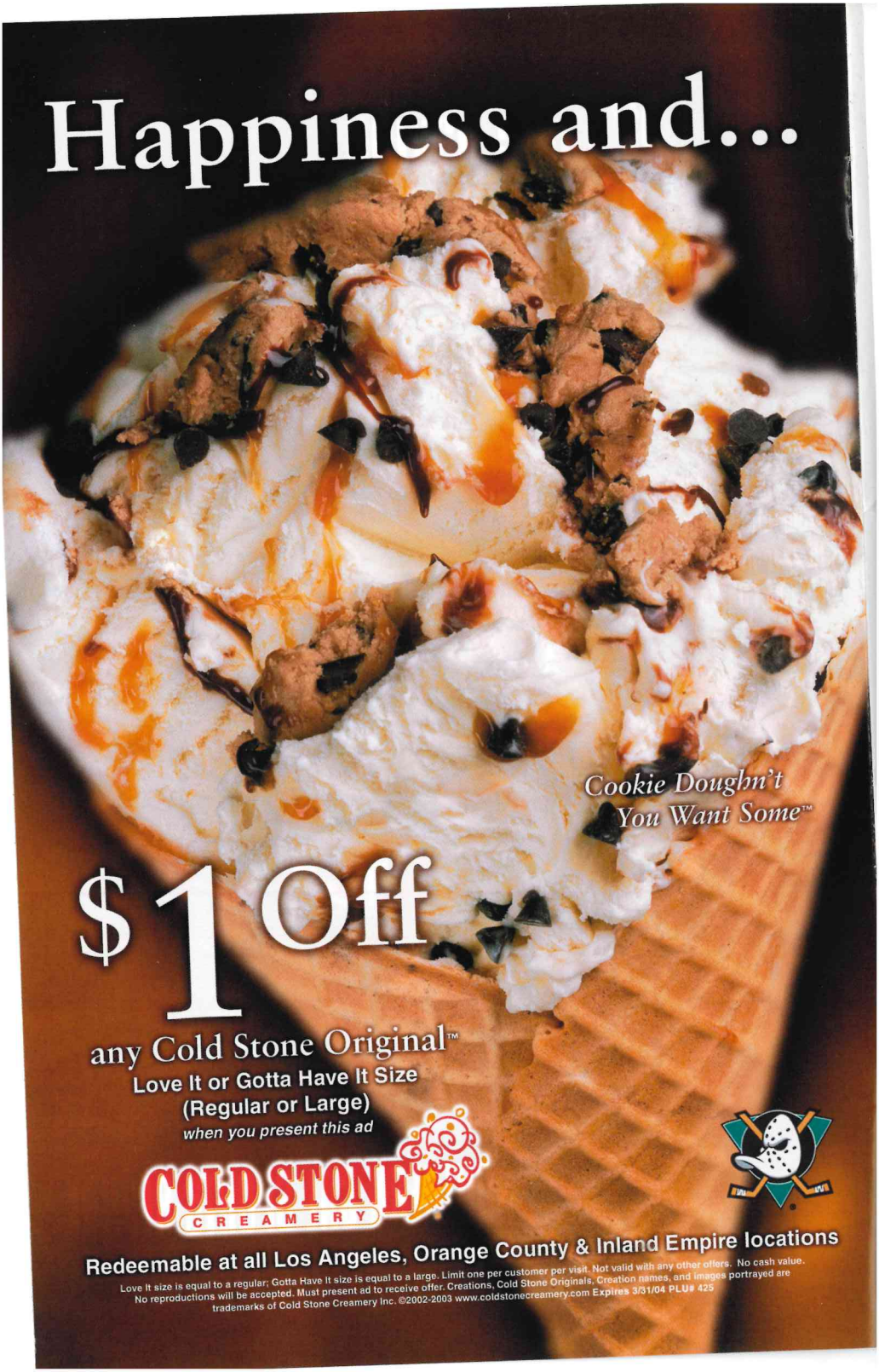
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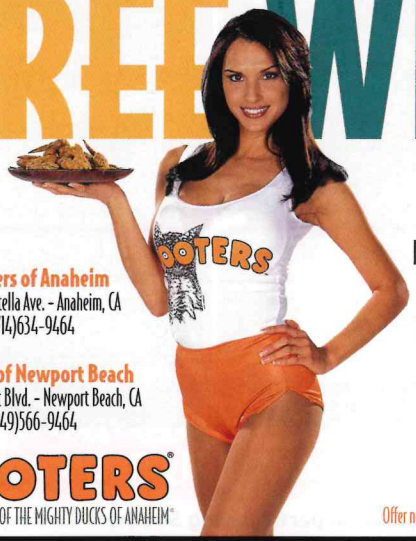


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# ARROWHEAD POND

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Since its opening in 1993, the Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim has continued to be Southern California's premier entertainment and sports venue hosting a variety of first-class events each year including concerts, sporting events and family shows. In addition to the NHL's Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, the arena is also home to the prestigious John R. Wooden Classic and "Fight Night Live" at the Pond. Annual favorites include the Harlem Globetrotters, Target Stars On Ice, and World Wrestling Entertainment.

New for 2004 is professional indoor lacrosse. The National Lacrosse League's (NLL) Anaheim Storm will call the Arrowhead Pond home. Part of the NLL's Western Division, the team's regular season will run January through April and include eight home games. Continuing in the tradition of hosting national and international events, the Arrowhead Pond will also host the 2004 Olympic Team Trials for Gymnastics, June 24-27, 2004.

The Arrowhead Pond offers fans a facility that is both beautiful to behold and a delight in which to view any event reflecting state-of-the-art design in both form and function. The arena affords visitors incredibly comfortable seating and some of the best sight lines and proximity to the action found anywhere. The creation of The Theatre at the Arrowhead Pond in 2001 as a separate venue allows for intimate performances in front of a crowd of 6,000-8,500 people.

The complete arena encompasses 650,000 square feet of space and is lined inside and out with marble and granite from around the world. The building's roof spans 444 feet by 329 feet, more than 100 feet above the arena floor.

The arena has three levels of seating. Closest to the arena floor is the Plaza Level with 5,200 seats and 40 luxury suites. Just 21 rows above ice the exclusive Club Level, accessible only to Premium Seat holders, contains 1,750 seats, 44 luxury suites, and the Anaheim Club Restaurant. The Terrace Level has a total of 9,200 easily accessible seats.

The arena is located in Orange County east of the 57 (Orange) freeway on Katella Avenue. Five major freeways (57, 22, 5, 91, 55) are conveniently located within a five-mile radius of the building.

The Arrowhead Pond is owned by The City of Anaheim and managed and operated by Ogden Facility Management Corp.

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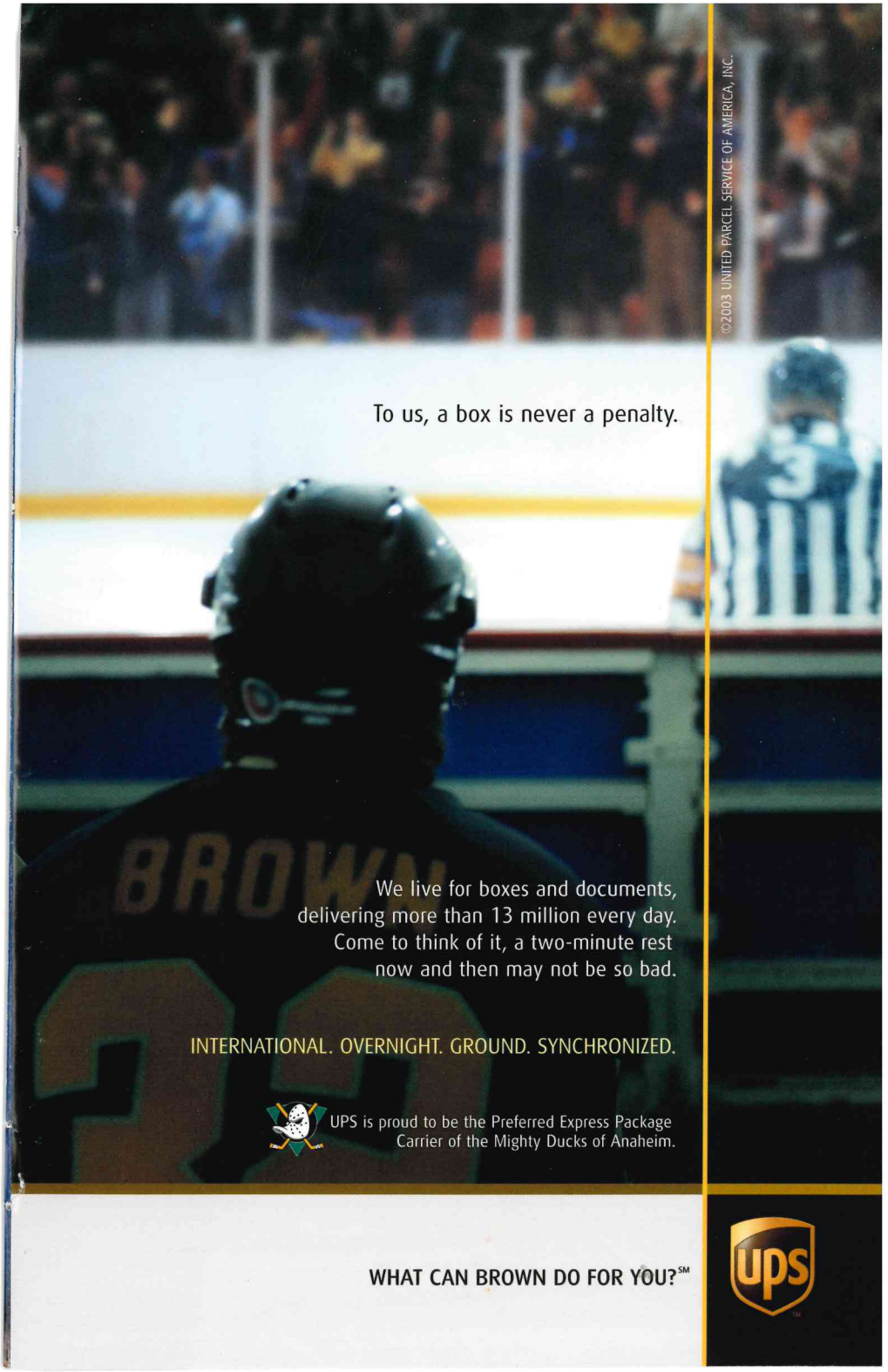
Location Site: 2695 East Katella Avenue (at Douglass, east of 57 freeway)

Seating Capacity (including Suites): 17,174 for hockey and other rink events; 17,608 for basketball; 19,724 for center stage events; 18,325 for end stage events and 8,000 for Theatre events. Seating is customized per event.

Highlights of 2003: Stanley Cup Finals, Division I Men's Basketball West Regional Championships, Yanni, Fleetwood Mac, Dixie Chicks, 2003 World Gymnastics Championships, Simon & Garfunkel, Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam and the 10th Anniversary John R. Wooden Classic.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